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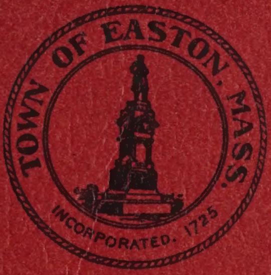
TOWN OF EASTON, MASS.
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1953

Moderator
LEO M. HARLOW

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

LEWIS R. MASON
ALBERT E. WOOD
DENIS C. BROPHY, January to March
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST, March to December

Assessors of Taxes

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN	Term expires 1954
KENNETH C. HAYWARD	Term expires 1955
WILLIAM McFARLAND	Term expires 1956

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector
STANLEY F. RICE

Assistant Town Clerk
WINIFRED CUNNINGHAM

School Committee

DAVID AMES	Term expires 1954
DONALD W. BELLOWS	Term expires 1954
ALICE K. BRIGGS	Term expires 1956
CLYDE A. CRAIG, JR.	Term expires 1956
HELEN S. TYLER	Term expires 1955

Superintendent of Schools
GILBERT C. MANN

Board of Health

JACOB BRENNER	January to March
MICHAEL DELCOLLIANO	March to December 1956
CLYDE A. CRAIG	Term expires 1954
GEORGE L. COPELAND	Term expires 1955

Tree Warden
and
Superintendent of Moth Work
FRANCIS L. LORDAN

Registrars of Voters

JOHN J. GALVIN	Term expires 1954
MICHAEL J. CANTY	Term expires 1956
SIGFRED V. LEDIN	Term expires 1955

Chief of Fire Department
and
Forest Warden
ARTHUR W. BAILEY

Chief of Police
HERBERT S. BERGLUND

Constables
HERBERT S. BERGLUND
GEORGE A. PIERSON

Dog Officer
FRANCIS J. REARDON

Superintendent of Streets
RUSSELL W. JONES

Sealer of Weights and Measures
JOHN A. GUSTAFSON

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
J. CLINTON GOWARD

Inspector of Milk
LEO J. FITZPATRICK

Town Accountant
JOHN I. LOWNDES

Town Attorney
RICHARD J. HATCHFIELD

Town Physician

MICHAEL DELCOLLIANO, M.D.

Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

Veterans' Agent

JEREMIAH J. REARDON

Director of Civil Defense

NORMAN O. DURFEE

Planning Board

WILLIS G. BUCK	Term expires 1957
EDGAR A. CRAIG	Term expires 1958
HAROLD T. DARLING	Term expires 1954
GEORGE H. DEWITT	Term expires 1956
RALPH D. DORGAN	Term expires 1955

Finance Committee

MERVIN I. BOWDEN
JOSEPH CONNOLLY
EDGAR A. CRAIG
NORMAN O. DURFEE
THOMAS R. FOX
WILLIAM J. HANSEN
JAMES H. HEALEY
WILLIAM A. KUTCHER
WILLIAM LADD
FRANK D. LEARY
NEUBERT B. MORSE
CHARLES F. McCARTHY
FRANK H. SARGENT, JR.
RICHARD L. SPROUL
HAROLD C. THOMAS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 1953

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol,ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 2nd day of February next, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a school building and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, said sum to be in addition to the amount raised and appropriated under Article 20 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952, at the adjourned meeting held on March 13, 1952, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and under authority of Chapter 44 of General Laws, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE II. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in said Town, and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 12th day of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

LEWIS R. MASON
ALBERT E. WOOD
DENIS C. BROPHY

Selectmen of Easton
Easton, January 23, 1953.

Bristol, ss.

By virtue hereof, and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

HERBERT S. BERGLUND,
Constable of Easton

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 1953

In accordance with the warrant, the meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M., and the warrant read by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow.

Article I. At this time the Moderator read a report from the Town Treasurer, as follows:

School Construction Account

1952, Raised and appropriated	$7,140.00	
Bond Issue (Day Trust Company, 1.6%)	334,000.00	
		$341,140.00
Expenditures through Dec. 31, 1952		18,176.72
Balance on account, Dec. 31, 1952		$322,963.28

Of the above balance, $250,000.00 is invested in U. S. Treasury Bills @ 1.843%.

Above bonds were sold at a premium of $2,007.34. We received $1,214.00 interest during 1952. I talked with Boston today, and the prevailing rate is 2¼ to 2½%.

STANLEY F. RICE,
Treasurer

Mr. Horace H. Mitchell, Chairman of the School Construction Committee, spoke on the subject matter, favoring the adoption of the article and explaining the necessity for increased funds, and then made the following motion:

"I move that the sum of $75,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a school building and for originally equipping and furnishing said building and that to meet said appropriation the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of $70,000.00 under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from date of issue of the first bond or note."

The motion was seconded and it was then voted as follows:

Voted, that the sum of $75,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a school building and for originally equipping and furnishing said building and that to meet said appropriation the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of $70,000.00 under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from date of issue of the first bond or note. (This was a rising vote of 298 affirmative and three negative.)

Article 2. Voted to adjourn.

Recorded by:

WINIFRED CUNNINGHAM,
Assistant Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 1953

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the second day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assesors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Tree Warden and any committee of the Town and take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and Armistice Day to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial Year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate from monies raised and appropriated for highway purposes, such sums as may be necessary for maintenance, improvement and construction of streets within the Town, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County for the purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, to be expended by the Moth Superintendent, in control work against the Dutch Elm Disease, as set forth by Section 13, Chapter 761, Acts of 1949.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a police cruiser for the Police Department, a certain automobile of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of the same, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department, a certain truck of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of the same, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of athletics in the High School.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of equipment and the cost of operation of the local organization for civil defense.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1952 entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Town of Easton to Take Over the Properties and Assume the Obligations of the South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District, the Unionville Fire and Water District, the North Easton Village District," or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the removal of the sidewalk on the westerly side of Sheridan Street at the junction of Coughlin Road, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to correct drainage conditions at or near the junction of Seaver Street and Main Street, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Gardner Road as a public highway as set forth on a "Plan of Lots in Easton owned by Cornelius P. Dailey, dated February 19, 1952, by Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," on fiile in the Town Clerk's Office, and approved by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept Coughlin Road as a public highway as set forth on a "Plan of Lots in Easton owned by Cornelius P. Dailey, dated February 19, 1952, by Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," on fiile in the Town Clerk's Office, and approved by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Western Avenue as a public highway as set forth on "Plan of Lots in Easton owned by Cornelius P. Dailey, dated February 19, 1952, by Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and approved by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to have the Board of Health take over the school dental clinic and raise and appropriate a sum of money for equipping and operating said clinic.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendations of the Planning Board in respect of the adoption of Zoning By-Laws for the Town, a copy of which report and recommendations is on file at the Town Clerk's Office, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Zoning By-Laws as published in the most recent Town Report, a copy of which Zoning By-Laws is on file at the Town Clerk's Office, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to combine the Planning Board and the Zoning Board as one Board consisting of five members, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a zoning and building inspector, said inspector to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of the members of the Board of Assessors and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the same.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of the members of the Board of Selectmen and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the same.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of the members of the Board of Public Welfare and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the same.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of seven individuals, said committee to include two members of the School Committee, to study future housing needs of the secondary school population of the Town, this committee to report its findings and recommendations at the next regular Town meeting or at any earlier special Town meeting.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept Tyson Road as a public highway to a point 400 feet Southerly from Central Street, as shown on a plan on file at the Town Clerk's Office and approved by the Planning Board, the fee to said Tyson Road to be conveyed to the Town by the owner thereof by deed of gift, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to make necessary repairs thereto, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By petition)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to complete the repairs on Dailey

Avenue, a public highway within the Town of Easton, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the same, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By petition)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to complete repairs on Western Avenue, a public highway in the Town of Easton, to a point approximately 210 feet North of Dailey Avenue, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover the cost of the same or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By petition)

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept Pine Lane as a public highway to a point approximately 400 feet Westerly from Seaver Street at the junction of Elliott Circle, as shown on a plan on file at the Town Clerk's Office and approved by the Planning Board, the fee to said Pine Lane to be conveyed to the Town by the owners thereof by deed of gift, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to make necessary repairs thereto, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By petition)

ARTICLE 31. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precinct One, to meet at the Kimball Hall; those residing in Precinct Two to meet at the High School Auditorium; and those residing in Precinct Three, to meet at the South Easton School House on Monday, the ninth day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes all on one ballot for one member of the Board of Assessors, for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years; and one member of the School Committee for a term of three years; Moderator, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, Planning Board, one member for five years, and a Finance Committee of fifteen, all for a terms of one year. The polls will be open at 10:00 o'clock A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in said Town, and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting, and said Town Clerk, is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return or officers elected at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

LEWIS R. MASON
ALBERT E. WOOD
DENIS C. BROPHY

Selectmen of Easton
Easton, Mass., Feb. 21, 1953

Bristol, ss.

By virtue hereof, and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

HERBERT S. BERGLUND,

Constable of Easton

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1953

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P.M. by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow. It was voted to waive the reading of the warrant.

Article 1. Voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Assessors be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Board of Health be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Town Clerk be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Town Treasurer be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Collector of Taxes be accepted.

Voted that the report of the School Committee be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Town Accountant be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Tree Warden be accepted.

Article 2. Mr. Frank H. Sargeant, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported the recommendations of the committee. The following appropriations were then voted for the year 1953.

Voted that the sum of $2,217.00 be raised and apropriated for Assessors' Expense.

Voted that the sum of $20,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Aid to Dependent Children.

Voted that the sum of $100.00 be raised and appropriated for Aid to Dependent Children Administration.

Voted that the sum of $500.00 be raised and appropriated for Care of Cemeteries.

Voted that the sum of $200.00 be raised and appropriated for Dog Officers' Salary.

Voted that the sum of $50.00 be raised and appropriated for Dog Officer's Expense.

Voted that the sum of $700.00 be raised and appropriated for Election Expense.

Voted that the sum of $100,000 be raised and appropriated for Finance Committee Expense.

Voted that the sum of $17,765.00 be raised and appropriated for the Fire Department.

Voted that the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for Forest Warden's Salary.

Voted that the sum of $13,700.00 be raised and appropriated for the Health Department.

Voted that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Hire of Nurses.

Voted that the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for Inspector of Animals.

Voted that the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for Interest on Notes.

Voted that the sum of $150.00 be raised and appropriated for the Incidental Account.

Voted that the sum of $2,860.00 be raised and appropriated for the Moth Department.

Voted that the sum of $81,540.00 be raised and appropriated for Old Age Assistance.

Voted that the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for Old Age Assistance Administration.

Voted that the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for Planning Board Account.

Voted that the sum of $20,410.00 be raised and appropriated for the Police Department.

Voted that the sum of $9,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Public Welfare.

Voted that the sum of $50,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Road Department.

Voted that the sum of $700.00 be raised and appropriated for Registrars of Voters Expense.

Voted that the sum of $225.00 be raised and appropriated for Registrars of Voters Salaries.

Voted that the sum of $1,700.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Office Account.

Voted that the sum of $3,000.00 be appropriated for the Reserve Fund from the Overlay and Reserve Account.

Voted that the sum of $268,707.39 be raised and appropriated for the School Department.

Voted that the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

A motion to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense was defeated.

Voted that the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for Selectmen's Expense.

Voted that the sum of $800.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Counsel's Salary.

Voted that the sum of $200.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Counsel's Expense.

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,300.00 for Tax Collector's Expense. An ammendment was adopted to substitute the sum of $2,600.00, the extra $300.00 to be ear-marked for an increase in the salary of the Assistant to the Tax Collector, and it was so voted.

Voted that the sum of $1,500.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Accountant's Salary.

Voted that the sum of $375.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Accountant's Expense.

Voted that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Clerk's Expense.

Voted that the sum of $8,065 be raised and appropriated for Town Officer's Salaries.

Voted that the sum of $800.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Physician.

Voted that the sum of $1,533.70 be raised and appropriated for Town Reports.

Voted that the sum of $1,600.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Treasurer's Expense.

Voted that the sum of $7,555.00 be raised and appropriated for the Tree Department.

Voted that the sum of $10,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Veterans' Benefits.

Voted that the sum of $1,200.00 be raised and appropriated for Department of Veterans' Services Salary Account.

Voted that the sum of $200.00 be raised and appropriated for Veterans' Services Expense.

Voted that the sum of $5,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Disability Assistance.

Voted that the sum of $75.00 be raised and appropriated for Disability Assistance Administration.

Article 3. Voted that the sum of $500.00 be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day and Armistice Day, to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, and George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 4. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, on and after January 1, 1954, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted that the sum of $30,000.00 be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the use of the Assessors in reducing the tax levy for the current year.

Article 6. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to allocate from monies raised and appropriated for highway purposes, the sum of $2,000.00 for maintenance, improvement and construction of streets within the town, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County for the purpose.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,200.00, to be expended by the Moth Superintendent in control work against the Dutch Elm Disease, as set forth by Section 13, Chapter 761, Acts of 1949.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,250.00 for the purchase of a police cruiser for the Police Department, a certain automobile of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of the same.

Article 9. Voted to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department, a certain truck of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of the same; voted to authorize the expenditure of $9,500.00 for this purpose, $6,500.00 to be raised and appropriated and $3,000.00 to be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the support of athletics in the High School.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the purchase of equipment and the cost of operation of the local organization for civil defense.

Article 12. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1952 entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Town of Easton to Take Over the Properties and Assume the Obligations of the South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District, the Unionville Fire and Water District, the North Easton Village District, and the Easton Center District."

(The Moderator stated that the vote was not binding until and unless each of the four water districts shall have voted to join with the town.)

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for the removal of the sidewalk on the westerly side of Sheridan Street at the junction of Coughlin Road.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to correct drainage conditions at or near the junction of Seaver Street and Main Street.

Article 15. Voted to accept Gardner Road as a public highway as set forth on a "Plan of Lots in Easton owned by Cornelius P. Dailey, dated February 19, 1952, by Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," on file in the Town Clerk's Office and approved by the Planning Board.

Article 16. Voted to accept Coughlin Road as a public highway as set forth on a "Plan of Lots in Easton owned by Cornelius P. Dailey, dated Feburary 19, 1952, by Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," on file in the Town Clerk's Office and approved by the Planning Board.

Article 17. Voted to accept Western Avenue as a public highway as set forth on "Plan of Lots in Easton owned by Cornelius P. Dailey, dated February 19, 1952, by Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors," on file in the Town Clerk's Office and approved by the Planning Board.

Article 18. Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 19. Voted to accept as a report, the report and recommendations of the Planning Board in respect to the adoption of Zoning By-Laws for the Town, a copy of which report and recommendations is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Article 20. Voted to accept the Zoning By-Laws as published in the most recent Town Report and filed in the Town Clerk's Office, modified to include sub-item 2-2 which will define the location of the zones defined in sub-item 2-1.

(This was a standing vote of 198 affirmative and 132 negative.)

The Moderator announced that as a two-thirds vote was necessary, the meeting had rejected the Zoning By-Laws.

See letter from Moderator following.

Article 21. Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 22. Voted to dismiss the article.

Article 23. Voted to increase the salaries of the Board of Assessors so as to provide for a salary of $700.00 for each associate member and $950.00 for the Chairman; voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $950.00 to provide for this increase.

Article 24. This article was defeated.

Article 25. This article was defeated.

Article 26. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of seven individuals, said committee to include two members of the School Committee, to study future housing needs of the secondary school population of the Town, this committee to report its findings and recommendations at the next regular Town Meeting or at any earlier special Town Meeting.

Article 27. Voted to accept Tyson Road as a public highway to a point 400 feet Southerly from Central Street, as shown on a plan on file at the Town Clerk's Office and approved by the Planning Board, the fee to said Tyson Road to be conveyed to the Town by the owner thereof by deed of gift; voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for this purpose.

Article 28. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to complete the repairs on Dailey Avenue, a public highway within the Town of Easton; voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 for this purpose.

Article 29. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to complete repairs on Western Avenue, a public highway in the Town of Easton, to a point approximately 210 feet North of Dailey Avenue; voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for this purpose.

Article 30. Voted to accept Pine Lane as a public highway to a point approximately 400 feet westerly from Seaver Street at the junction of Elliott Circle, as shown on a plan on file at the Town Clerk's Office and approved by the Planning Board, the fee to said Pine Lane to be conveyed to the Town by the owners thereof by deed of gift; voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for this purpose.

Article 31. Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

WINIFRED CUNNINGHAM,

Assistant Town Clerk

November 6, 1953.

Mr. Stanley F. Rice
Town Clerk of Easton
North Easton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Clerk:

At the annual town meeting of 1953 held March 2, 1953 there were proposed for consideration certain recommendations relative to zoning, or suggested zoning by-laws. The vote was 198 in the affirmative, 132 in the negative. After consultation with the town counsel I ruled that a two-thirds vote was necessary inasmuch as the subject matter was considered an amendment to existing by-laws.

Subsequent informal discussions of this problem with Fred W. Fisher, Esq., First Assistant Attorney General, brought out the fact that such a situation had heretofore been brought to the attention of the Attorney General by other towns. The office of the Attorney General has not written a formal opinion but had advised informally that an original vote approving proposed zoning laws should be considered as a change by addition and not a change by amendment. This opinion has been confirmed in subsequent conferences.

In view of this precedent I reverse my ruling of March, 1953 and declare that the 198 to 132 vote constitutes an approval of the proposed zoning by-laws subject of course to the preparation of proper copies, maps for submission to the Attorney General and subsequent compliance with his directions relative to publication.

The original ruling was made on the side of caution and I understand that this action is taken before any substantial harm has been done inasmuch as adequate copies for submission to the Attorney General have not yet been presented to your office.

LEO M. HARLOW,

Moderator of Easton

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 9, 1953

In accordance with the warrant, the voters of the town met at their respective polling places on Monday, March 9, 1953.

The polls were opened at ten o'clock A. M., and closed at eight o'clock P. M.

The following-named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One—Clifton C. Ripley, Warden; Ralph H. Carroll, Deputy Warden; Jennie M. Goss, Clerk; Edith F. Schleicher, Deputy Clerk; Emma L. Dunn, Lillian F. Hackett, Emily L. Wry, Mary J. Canty, Donalda A. Meunier, Tellers.

Precinct Two—Mildred Deady, Warden; Vera Johnson, Deputy Warden; George A. Carter, Francis LeRoy, Frances Dineen, Marion H. Milligan, Gathry Hall, Anne Cotter, Cornelius J. Harvey, 3rd, Jeremiah J. Reardon, Francis J. Callahan, Tellers.

Precinct Three—Steven Southworth, Warden; Katherine Meade, Deputy Warden; Myrtle L. Prior, Clerk; Gertrude I. Rollins, Isabella S. Pratt, Dorothy Oman, Bena Rollins, Gladys Alger, Victoria Hill, Tellers.

The number of ballots cast in Precinct One was one hundred eighty-four; in Precinct Two, nine hundred fifteen; in Precinct Three, three hundred thirty-three; total vote, fourteen hundred thirty-two.

The result of the election was as follows:

SELECTMEN (Three)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Harland F. Almquist	82	586	195	863
Denis C. Brophy	121	402	219	742
Lewis R. Mason	145	509	245	899
Albert E. Wood	119	457	193	769
Blanks	85	791	147	1023

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (Three)

Harland F. Almquist	69	586	194	849
Denis C. Brophy	121	402	221	744
Lewis R. Mason	148	507	246	901
Albert E. Wood	116	458	194	768
Blanks	98	792	144	1034

ASSESSOR

William McFarland	156	758	293	1207
Blanks and scattering	28	157	40	225

TOWN CLERK

Stanley F. Rice	164	754	299	1217
Blanks	20	161	34	215

TOWN TREASURER

Stanley F. Rice	162	737	300	1199
Blanks and scattering	22	178	33	233

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Stanley F. Rice	164	741	299	1204
Blanks and scattering	20	174	34	228

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Two)

Alice K. Briggs	118	568	213	899
Clyde A. Craig, Jr.	110	568	224	902
Richard A. Dailey	85	342	154	581
Blanks	55	352	75	482

BOARD OF HEALTH (One)

Michael DelColliano	70	441	152	663
Robert H. Rollins	99	386	172	657
Blanks	15	88	9	112

TREE WARDEN

Francis L. Lordan	148	780	286	1214
Blanks	36	135	47	218

MODERATOR

Leo M. Harlow	132	664	261	1057
Blanks and scattering	52	251	72	375

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Fifteen)

Mervin I. Bowden	135	502	258	895
Joseph Connolly	122	565	233	920
Edgar A. Craig	130	553	244	927
Norman O. Durfee	134	532	245	911
Thomas R. Fox	113	519	231	863
William J. Hansen	112	492	229	833
James H. Healey	124	574	236	934
William A. Kutcher	118	501	240	859
William Ladd	128	535	240	903
Frank D. Leary	122	558	246	926
Neubert B. Morse	129	537	252	918
Charles F. McCarthy	128	573	240	941
Frank H. Sargent	131	520	250	901
Richard L. Sproul	129	510	253	892
Harold C. Thomas	108	498	225	831
Blanks and scattering	897	5756	1373	8026

PLANNING BOARD (One)

Edgar A. Craig	126	570	241	937
Blanks	68	345	92	505

A true record. Attest:

STANLEY F. RICE,

Town Clerk.

STATE AUDITORS REPORT

September 9, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Lewis R. Mason, Chairman
Easton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Easton for the period from June 2, 1951 to May 13, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Easton for the period from June 2, 1951, the date of the previous examination, to May 13, 1953, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records of the town treasurer and the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked. The general and appropriation accounts in the ledgers were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on May 13, 1953 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The appropriations and loan authorizations, as entered in the ledgers, were compared with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed in town meetings, while the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the finance committee's authorizations.

It is recommended that the salaries of all elected officials be fixed annually by vote of the town in accordance with the provisions of Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book was footed throughout, the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, and with the accountant's books, while the disbursements were compared with the accountant's records and with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The treasurer's cash balance on May 13, 1953 was proved by actual count of cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited, by certification of the treasury bills held for safe keeping by a bank, and by examination of the savings bank books.

The payments made for maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file. The unpaid amounts of accounts of interest were listed and reconciled with the bank balance as shown by a statement furnished by the bank deposit.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined. The amounts of town and district taxes added to the tax title account were reconciled with the tax collector's books, and the redemptions of tax titles and sales of tax possessions were compared with the treasurer's receipts. The tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and proved, and further verified by checking with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in custody of the selectmen, town treasurer, and trustees were examined and listed. The income was proved, the expenditures and transfers to the town were verified, and all balances were proved.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined. The town and district taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and compared with the warrants issued for their collection. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked with the assessor's records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were checked with the records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

The commitments of departmental accounts were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the abatements as recorded, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

Verification notices were sent to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town for taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and departmental accounts, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The records of dog and sporting licenses issued and of receipts from marriage permits, recording fees, and miscellaneous charges were checked. The payments to the State and the town were verified and the cash on hand was proved.

The surety bonds furnished by the several town officials required to file such sureties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and the police and health departments were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the school department were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand was proved.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and the tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation extended by all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

Assistant Director of Accounts

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1953

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
	JANUARY	
1	Paul Edwin O'Neill	Robert W. and Rita L. Gill
2	Charlene Marie DiCesare	John D. and Charlotte E. Mulholland
2	Barbara Healey	Walter L. and Joan L. McNamara
6	Dana Emerson Gardner	Emerson A. and Joyce M. Flickinger
9	Peter Lloyd Hewitt	Milton S. and Rhea M. Russell
10	James John LaBate	Louis J. and Anne M. Silva
10	Linda Larraine Talbot	Edward H. and Ava L. Bartlett
11	John William Legge	John W. and Euldine R. Connelly
12	Dianne Louise Hurley	Vincent P. and Joyce Towne
13	Douglas Winslow Dart	Charles A. and Avis F. MacDonald
14	Michael Sabino Sinesi	Sabino Jr., and Gloria M. Teixeira
15	Michael David Steffen	Irving L. E., Jr. and Myrtle M. Reed
21	David Earl Hill	Earl F. and Mildred E. Ely
23	Richard Donald Christensen	Donald W. and Alice K. Henriques
24	Diane Jean Hanscom	Richard C. and Jean H. Gallant
26	James Charles Starr	James L. and Olive S. Azevedo
26	Patricia Craig	Donald F. and Margaret A. Downey
28	Don Jeffrey Anderson	Frank R. and Esther M. Frasier
29	Debra Ann Howard	Jim M. and Dorothy A. Pomfret
31	Louisa Annette Eliza McCann	Ignatius J. J. and Blanche M. Masse
	FEBRUARY	
5	.... Marshall	James and Louise C. Urban
5	Philip George Geer	George W. and Ethel P. Williams
7	Douglas Roy Stubbs	Roy D., Jr., and Shirley V. Nye
18	Linda Joette Amorim	Ramiro M. and Adeline M. Madeiros
20	Clare Elizabeth Snow	Joseph L., Jr., and Glenny M. Winberg
22	Joseph Henry Malinosky	Henry J. and Rita A. Doherty

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
23	Nancy Ann Lanzilli	Joseph P. and Barbara E. Bryant
25	Russell Keith Spinney	Elvin M. and Helen I. Margeson
27	Marcia Christine Johnson	Robert L. and Ingaborg V. Simms

MARCH

10	Paul Warren Eaton	Frederick R. and Ruth G. O'Brien
12	Edward Hamilton Calhoun	Edward H. and Marguerite L. Monroe
16	Hugh Owen	Milton H. and Ellen E. Simpich
16	Stillborn	
18	Jeannie Vaughan MacNeill	Ronald B. and Idamaye Jarrett
22	Thomas Hiram Andrews	Robert D. and E. Bernice MacLeod
22	Peter Wesley Rockwell	Wentworth G. and Elsie M. Leckstrom
24	James Edward Shaw	Frederick V., Jr., and Barbara T. Brennick
28	Cheryl Ann Foote	Paul R. and Betty J. Harrold

APRIL

1	George Charles Elmes	George C. and Alice E. Christensen
1	..........Nordley	Malcolm H. and Audrey Bratt
3	Thomas Edward Azevedo	James S. and Marilyn J. McDougall
8	..........Rozenas	Bronie and Margaret B. Harris
11	Jeanne Ellen Godsoe	Daniel E. and Ruth E. Davis
11	Carol Ann Lundgren	Arthur O. and Lena M. Johnson
15	Bruce Wilson Collins	Bruce W. and Esther E. Bergeron
15	Charlene Carroll Varney	Kenneth W. and Martha F. Crone
18	Susanne Rogers	Edward and Antoinetta Senerchia
19	Edward Michael Hailey	John R. and Mary Doherty
29	John Joseph Azevedo	Joseph S. and Eleanor F. Marshall

MAY

1	Patricia Denise Manzer	John R. and Eileen R. Hanson
1	John Joseph Norton	William J. and Louise R. Cotter
4	Sheila Jean Swanson	George J. and Priscilla A. Dixon
4	Sheryl Ann Swanson	George J. and Priscilla A. Dixon
4	Kevin Michael McMenamy	James F. and Dorothy M. Cook

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
6	Susan Jane Kaehler	Werner and Barbara E. Russell
6	Carl Edward Palm	Everett V. and Elizabeth G. Burgoyne
7	Robert Michael Lynch	Arthur M. and Constance M. Howard
9	Patricia Margaret Carey	Francis A. and Kathleen A. Kent
9	Sean Michael Reardon	John J. and Mary T. Correia
12	Norma Jean Jackson	Howard B. and Helen L. Coleman
13	Carla Jane Monroe	Merle L. and Meredith J. Magnuson
14	Cheryl Ann Copeland	George L. and Marilyn E. Boulette
16	Katherine Bell	Matthew P. and Ruth H. Lusignan
18	Denise Ann Wilkins	David M. D. and Marie L. Elliott
18	Lawrence Charles Mowatt	Stanley W. and Eunice C. Harkins
21	Michelle Ann Seaver	Clarence L. and Blanche S. Goff
22	Robert Edward Newton	Warren C. and Mary A. Bailey
22	Marcia Leah Randall	George L. and Barbara F. Willis
23	Anne Marie Corsini	Leon H. and Jane A. Plunkett
27	Stillborn	
28	Marjorie Hunt Williams	Francis H. and Edith S. Lewis

JUNE

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
1	Donald Alan Travers	Marvin C. and Shirley E. Bragg
3	Marilyn Jean Holmberg	Robert E. and Betty E. Kidder
6	Marie Elizabeth Azevedo	Ralph S. and Gertrude M. Sears
15	Louise Silva	Agostinho and Mary Silva
19	Walter Douglas Robinson	James C. and Virginia E. Rudd
23	Lucinda Lee Hewlett	George and Ethel A. Spearance
24	Edward Arthur Buck	Edward A. and Vena E. Pierson
24	David Alan Hilliard	Alan D. and Barbara D. Welch
26	..........LeBlanc	Joseph A. and Mary A. Maloney
26	Paul Albert Grant	Harold W. and Elsie M. Corkum
27	Dale Barter	Harold F. and Elizabeth F. Asacker

JULY

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
2	James Peter Savard	Leo E. and Doris H. McMahon
2	Robert William Stakenburg	Leo and Christine M. Johnstone
2	Mark Donald Varney	Donald W. and Shirley Reynolds
5	Douglas Henry Carlson	Joseph V. and Viola M. Weatherbee

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
8	Carl Frederick Edlund	Charles P. and Evelyn R. Richardson
10	Marie Pires	Alexander J. and Mary C. Barros
13	Stillborn	
16	James Hunt Riley	James A. and Barbara J. Jones
19	James Warren Wilbur	Joseph W. and Gertrude E. McNeill
22	Bonnie Lee MacLeod	Ira M. and Doris A. Whitcomb
22	Lynn Marie Hewins	Chester B. and Francelina M. Amorim
25	Ronald Richard Alger	Robert L. and Jean A. Southworth
27	Robert James McLaughlin	Robert and Christine Healy
	AUGUST	
2	Daniel Raymond Sullivan	Thomas P. and Claire J. Nelligan
8	..........Stewart	Charles W. and Dorothy R. Alger
9	Michael Vincent Dovell	Louis F. and Helen A. Lutkin
10	Deborah Ann Pechonis	Samuel and Katherine Poulos
15	David Alexander Martin	David A. and Irene P. Tutko
18	Linda Marie Fernandes	Manuel J. and Josephine T. Ruggiero
20	Paul Douglas Mullen	James D. and Thelma L. MacLeod
27	Raymond Francis Daly	Raymond F. and Helen B. Botsch
28	Jan Nelson	Roger V. and Beatrice Alden
	SEPTEMBER	
1	Bradford Fred Cohenno	Martin G. and Marjorie L. Brigham
2	Antone Claudio	Irene and Mary Hernandez
4	Thomas Anthony Turowski	Alfred D. and Emily H. O'Reilly
5	William Freitas	John J. and Marion L. Treptow
5	Robert Stephen Harlow	Elmer G., Jr. and Margaret E. Allen
5	Sandra Irene Rivella	Aurelio and Viola Davis
11	Anthony Alberto Janela Povoas	Antonio A. J. and Mary C. Pires
16	Evelyn Louise Smith	Donald M. and Marilyn I. Wilbur
17	Denise Powers	Edmund T. and Aileen I. Fitzgerald
21	Ray Charles Thomas	Russell F. and Roween G. Morrell
22	Janice Elaine Day	Arthur W. and Ruthena H. Rice

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
29	James Henry Mattson	Kenneth R. and Agnes M. Harvin
30	Wayne Albert Carlson	Frank A. V. and Marjorie M. Wetzell
30	Mary Sabine Pierce	Roger, Jr., and Rosamond Sabine
	OCTOBER	
2	David Anthony Silva	John A. and Eileen R. Marsden
3	Paul Edward Johnson	Edward S. and Angelina P. Pasteris
8	Bonnie Lee Thompson	William A. and Conradene M. Farnsworth
10	Arthur Howard Dunn	Arthur H. and Doris M. Sherman
12	Cathryn Mary Dupont	John A. and Catherine A. Meade
12	Jane McMenamy	John P. and Constance A. Rogers
16	Pamela Jean Doyle	Edward J. and Marion E. Peach
17	John Theodore Barry	Thomas P. and Jean C. Haglund
17	Stillborn	
19	John Clifton Banks	Francis E. and Lillian R. Sylvia
26	Lawrence John Pasalacqua	Lawrence A. J. and Dorothy J. Pollock
29	Thomas Jeffrey Carlson	Oscar C. and Mildred E. Kenney
29	Darlene Leta Hensley	James P. and Priscilla A. Sabin
29	Nancy Ellen Nolan	Stephen F., Jr., and Mary E. Freitas
30	Robert Douglas Anderson	Robert S. and Marjorie D. Eames
31	Linda Jean Gaziano	Salvatore F. and Jean A. Correia
20	Grace Ann McEntee	William J. and Mary M. Kent
	NOVEMBER	
1	Wayne Freeman Dyer	Lewis F. and Charlotte L. Holmes
2	Lisa Eloise Allen	Lester W. and Lois C. Olson
8	David Arthur Kempf	Joseph L. and Mildred J. Holbrook
12	William Edward Rollins	William C. and Virginia A. Ford
12	Debra Agnes Rollins	William C. and Virginia A. Ford
21	Russell Hugh Thatcher	Robert H. and Florabelle J. Dodson
26	Maureen Kent	Thomas F. and Mary Louise Horton
28	Stillborn	

Date 1953	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
	DECEMBER	
3	Nancy Lee Mawhinney	John F. and Anna M. Reid
6	Mona Jean Weston	Harris B. and Lorraine C. Williams
11	Mark Stephen Tessler	Herbert G. and Edith F. Morey
15	Laura Ann Cornell	Frank M. and Ester K. Anderson
15	Joyce Melissa Hopkins	Royal C. and Bertha I. Crowell
16	Jeffrey Edward Nystrom	Ralph C. and Minnetta H. Holmes
16	Joanne Ruth Pierce	Joseph C. and Barbara A. Gibbs
17	Holly Ann Butts	Bruce D. and Lolita J. Blood
20	Steven Michael Barrett	James T. and Gloria J. Buckingham
22	Bryant Thomas Anderson	Bryant T. and Mary J. Bowers
23	Michael Charles Kavanaugh	Lawrence M. and Theresa M. Coelho
26	Arthur Francis Thrasher	James F. and Patricia M. Lunn
28	Jeffrey Joseph Bergeron	Harold F. and Martha E. O'Malley
30	Lynn Jean Campbell	Donald R. and Avis J. Batchelder

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON, 1953

January 3—Donald Teasdale Heywood of Cohasset and Shirley Ann Tufts of Easton.

January 3—Chester Blyn Hewins of North Leeds, Maine, and Francelina Mae Amorim of Easton.

January 10—Murray Frederick Howard of Easton and Evelyn Lena Dean of Canton.

February 14—William Clifton Johnson and Mildred Ellen Brophy, both of Easton.

February 21—Roy Johan Johnson of Brockton and Elizabeth Nash Peterson of Easton.

February 21—Wesley Irving Leathers of Easton and Patricia Anne James of Canton.

February 22—Alfred Joseph Hodgdon of Westport, Maine, and Marjorie Lillian Parrish of Easton.

March 5—Joseph Christopher Scanlon of Easton and Jane Smiley Rothe of Cambridge.

April 4—James Elton Luther of East Bridgewater and Betty Lou Poole of Easton.

April 7—Herbert Clifford MacKinnon of Easton and Barbara Ann Burrows of Pawtucket, R. I.

April 12—Richard Joseph Shalowski of Walpole and Elsie A. Pita of Easton.

April 18—John Charles Krish of New York, N. Y., and Pauline Elizabeth Buck of Easton.

May 1—Joseph Charles Pierce of Brockton and Barbara Ann Gibbs of Easton.

May 16—Harry Leonard Detwiler of Arlington, Va., and Christine Carobell Menchin of Easton.

May 23—William Silva Santos of Stoughton and Beatrice P. Alho of Easton.

May 23—Hilton Lawrence Nordbeck, Jr. of Easton and Virginia Maye Crossman of Canton.

May 30—Edward Frank Smith of Easton and Dorothy Moss of Canton.

June 6—Robert Warner Powell of Easton and Louise Therese Desalliers of Taunton.

June 6—Robert Joseph Wooster and Grace Ann Kent, both of Easton.

June 6—Charles Harold Crocker and Julie Sholtanis, both of Easton.

June 14—Joseph Diliddo of Brockton and Rosella Evelyn Fitz-Simmons of Easton.

June 21—Robert Milton Hatch and Elaine Blanche Marie Scease, both of Brockton.

June 23—William Raymond Hayes, Jr., and Ethelberta Louise Shea, both of Providence, R. I.

June 27—John Raymond Nerney of North Attleboro and Edith Amalia Rollins of Easton.

June 27—Herbert Paul DeCouto and Jacqueline Mary DeCoste, both of Easton.

June 27—Henry Everett Rego and Eva Alice Eldridge, both of Easton.

June 27—George R. Sousa of West Bridgewater and Joan L. Dahl of Easton.

June 28—David Francis Rooslet of Easton and Geraldine Isabelle Orcutt of Brockton.

July 4—Gerald Francis Sullivan of Brockton and Mary Agnes Franco of Easton.

July 5—Alvin William Wood of Stoughton and Dorothy Ellsworth Sherman of Easton.

July 9—Raymond Franklin Randall of Easton and Margaret Eileen Lavelle of Avon.

July 11—Charles Hutchison Wallace of Weymouth and Doreen Mae Olliff of Easton.

July 26—Kenneth Wilson Belcher of Weymouth and Helen Virginia Bradbury of Easton.

August 1—Edward Butlin Watson of Halifax and Judith Leone Cushman of Easton.

August 15—Robert Francis Clifford of Whitman and Catherine Mary Plunkett of Easton.

August 15—Bradford Arthur Chase of Easton and Louise Mae Falone of Foxborough.

August 29—Norman John Robillard, Jr. of Canton and Christine Karaberis of Easton.

August 29—Alvin Dean Tomlinson of Newton and Arlene Augusta Rosene of Easton.

September 4—Ernest Alther of Boston and Eileen Anna MacDonald of Easton.

September 4—William B. Stevenson of Brockton and Esther Ruth Favor of Easton.

September 7—John Ferreira Gouveia, Jr., of Taunton and Theresa Madeline Silva of Easton.

September 12—Reginald Euclid Joseph Theriault of Howland, Maine, and Joan Elaine Gustafson of Easton.

September 19—Thomas Richard Gallagher of Foxborough and Mary Elizabeth Gomes of Easton.

September 19—Robert Dean Howard of Easton and Phyllis Miriam Brown of Franklin.

September 19—Michael Joseph Connell, Jr., and Phyllis Elaine Jones, both of Easton.

September 26—Roy Alfred Carlson and Evelyn Ruth Jabcon, both of Easton.

October 3—Richard James Waters of Boston and Shirley Virginia Anderson of Easton.

October 3—Nelson Charles Meunier of Easton and Shirley Mae O'Connell of Dighton.

October 4—Howard Benjamin Larsen of Easton and Nora Theresa Shea of Boston.

October 10—Roy Carlson Philbrick of Kittery, Maine, and Bessie Smith Bridges of Easton.

October 10—Harold Torsten Manson of Whitman and Helen Beatrice Lundin of Easton.

October 10—Marius Normand Trinque of New York, N. Y., and Gloria Anna Roberge of Brockton.

October 11—Robert Darling Randall of Easton and Martha Jean Sawyer of Littleton.

October 25—James Lincoln Caseley, Jr., of Easton and Marjorie R. Ford of Boston.

November 7—William V. Verdi of Mansfield and Priscilla Ann Lyons of Easton.

November 14—Carl Mauritz Johnson of Brockton and Doris Louise Erikson of Easton.

November 21—John Anthony Lahey of Easton and Dorothy Louise Johnson of Foxborough.

November 27—Lewis Fielding Jones, Jr., of Brockton and Ruth Elinor Brock of Easton.

November 28—Herbert Storrs Bill of Easton and Claire Lorraine Anderson of Brockton.

December 6—Alfred Richard Wood, Jr., of Easton and Dorothy Hazel Wilding of Stoughton.

December 21—William Francis Flanagan of Easton and Patricia Ann Murphy of Mansfield.

December 26—David James Davies of Easton and Janet Laurie Towne of Boston.

December 31—Robert Vincent Brophy and Virginia May Carr, both of Easton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON, 1953

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
JANUARY					
2	Sidney Summerlee	65	10	15	Spontaneous Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
6	Anna Maria Nelson	87	1	5	Chronic Myocarditis
10	Albertine Johnson	83	2	2	Cerebral Thrombosis, Diabetes Mellitus
10	Lewis Wildes Everett Chapman	30	2	23	Coronary Occlusion
11	David F. Magner	78	7	10	Infection of Myocardium, Lobar Pneumonia
15	————Steffan	0	0	3	min. Hydrocephalus, Spina Bifida
23	Kate Ann Cook	86	9	9	Terminal Pneumonia, Myocarditis, Arthritis
27	Peter Hewitt	0	0	17	Interstitial Pneumonia
28	Kenneth Nelson Tufts	42	5	17	Coronary Occlusion
31	Robert Charles Evarts	86	11	22	Leukemia
FEBRUARY					
3	Charles A. Cullen	75	10	14	Congestive Heart Failure, Arterio Sclerosis
4	Walter Freeland Mager	61	1	8	Cancer of Lung
6	Robert Marshall	0	0	1	Prematurity, Aspiration Pneumonitis
8	Frank Warren Alger	83	8	13	Arterio Sclerosis
8	Frank William Blake	85	1	29	Chronic Myocarditis
16	Emeline J. Scanlon	80	5	14	Carcinoma of Uterus
16	Catherine Reilly Cunningham	85	0	13	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
21	Michael Joseph Phelan	86	9	18	Lobar Pneumonia, Chronic Myocarditis
26	William Olliff	99	9	9	Chronic Myocarditis
28	Ralph Noyes Dow	86	0	22	Pulmonary Edema, Myocardial Infarct, Coronary Thrombosis
MARCH					
5	Clara Drake	86	10	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
6	Albert Cabana	75	—	—	Acute Glomerular Nephritis, Arterio Sclerosis

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
6	James P. Callahan	78	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
11	Adella Florence King	89	0	16	Myocarditis, Arterio Sclerosis
15	Eliza F. Vinal	94	11	15	Coronary Thrombosis
15	Allan C. Morrison	75	11	6	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease, Appendicitis
16	Stillborn	0	0	0	Stillborn
28	George Polinsky	54	7	5	Carcinoma of Brain
APRIL					
1	Laura F. Manchester	86	4	4	Chronic Myocarlitis
11	..........Rozenas	0	0	4	Prematurity
19	Herman Swanstrom	86	10	17	Chronic Myocarditis
22	Hilda Gonsalves	35	8	14	Coronary Occlusion
23	Joseph O'Brien	84	2	15	Acute Pulmonary Edema, Myocardial Infarct, Mycarditis
24	Hattie W. Rollins	61	11	14	Hodgkins' Disease
25	John Walfrid Oman	72	6	9	Carcinomatosis
26	Edna Watts	65	1	28	Carcinoma
MAY					
2	John F. Mahoney	72	7	28	Coronary Thrombosis
9	Joseph G. Martin	41	9	1	Multiple Injuries, Automobile Accident
10	Emma Frances Fisher	93	11	0	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease
16	Henry Augustus Kennedy	88	7	16	Coronary Embolus, Arterio Sclerosis, Myocarditis
27	Stillborn	0	0	0	Intrauterine Asphyxia
29	Agnes Louise Murphy	79	8	18	Carcinoma of Stomach
JUNE					
10	James E. Cahill	81	4	28	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
19	Robert Francis Thompson	19	—	—	Multiple Injuries, Motor Cycle Accident
26	..........LaBlanc	0	0	4 Hrs.	Aspiration of Aminotic Fluid, Prematurity
28	Dale Barter	0	0	1	Prematurity
JULY					
13	....	0	0	0	Stillborn

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
16	Victor Loizeau	75	6	3	Cerebral Thrombosis
18	Sven P. Hegg	81	10	17	Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease
23	William Edward Sweeney	76	2	6	Coronary Disease
29	Alfred W. Curtis	83	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
29	Charles Linwood Horton	77	1	15	Acute Coronary Thrombosis
AUGUST					
4	James Cornelius Shea	81	0	4	Chronic Mycarditis
9	..........Stewart	0	0	12	Hrs. Prematurity
10	Grace E. Wood	89	7	16	Uremia, Terminal Pneumonia
14	Sylvio Luger Therrien	64	4	27	Coronary Thrombosis
15	Florence Parrish	77	9	4	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Margaret Mason	55	0	21	Cerebral Hemorrhage
25	Carl Whitney McCluskey	33	8	27	Coronary Occlusion
31	Eugene M. Jacoby	67	9	15	Cerebral Thrombosis
SEPTEMBER					
4	Andrew Ottoson	89	9	16	Ventricular Failure
20	Alexander Condon Brewster	52	8	13	Coronary Occulusion
23	Anna Keyes McMullen	50	1	4	Acute Pulmonary Oedema, Hypertensive Heart Disease
24	William Joseph Nagle	66	4	28	Uremia,
26	James A. Murray	57	9	11	Bronchiogenic Carcinoma
28	Harry Ayer Delano	74	2	5	Coronary Thrombosis
OCTOBER					
2	Jabez C. Beach	77	—	—	Carcinoma of Spinal Cord
4	George Henry Craig	41	6	23	Accidental Drowning
4	Charlotte Freeman	57	11	16	Cerebral Thrombosis
8	Everett Albert Dunn	67	11	15	Coronary Thrombosis
17	Stillborn	0	0	0	Stillborn, Hydrocephalus
26	Ethel H. Bailey	69	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
NOVEMBER					
13	Jennie Britton	78	11	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17	..........Rollins	0	0	5	Prematurity
19	Arnold Roblee Woodworth	49	5	12	Coronary Thrombosis
25	Andrew Johnson	83	10	2	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
28	....	0	0	0	Stillborn
29	Robert I. Burgess	46	6	6	Coronary Occlusion
DECEMBER					
8	Davit Edmund Kane	64	—	—	Coronary Occlusion
18	May Viola Fubler	75	7	24	Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
19	Carl G. Johnson	61	3	22	Cerebral Hemorrhage
24	John J. Maloney	35	—	—	Chronic Valvular Heart Disease
24	Ellen Lee Smith	92	7	22	Cerebral Arterio Sclerosis
25	Lillian F. Kelly	80	2	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage

LICENSES, 1953

(Paid to Town Treasurer)

Liquor (All Alcoholic)

(Fee $400.00)

Cappy's, Inc.
Union Villa
The Four Hundred
Corner Diner

Wines and Beer

(Fee $175.00)

The Four Corners
Bill Mara's

Package Goods, (All Alcoholic)

(Fee $200.00)

Mitrano's
Highways, Inc.
Kennel Package Store, Inc.

Package Goods (Wines and Beer)

(Fee $75.00)

Garcia's General Store
John Camara
Fernandes Super Market, Inc.

Special Liquor Permits

Veterans of Foreign Wars (66)	$66.00
Easton Rod and Gun Club (27)	27.00
Hockamock Beagle Club (3)	3.00
S. F. of A. (1)	1.00
Easton Fire Department (1)	1.00
Emerson Conrad (1)	1.00
J. Miller Rubber Workers' Union (1)	25.00
Our Lady of Cedars of Lebanon (1)	25.00
Marchegieno Society (1)	25.00
Samuel Barber (1)	25.00
St. George Syrian Church (1)	25.00

Victuallers' Licenses

(Fee $5.00)

Cappy's, Inc.
The Four Hundred
O. Ames Corp.
Hi-Way Lunch
The Merrymacs
Bill Mara's
Terminal Diner
Fred's Diner
Yankee Hostess
Joseph White
Everett A. Burrell
Union Villa
Corner Diner
Topsy's Chicken Coop
Howard Johnson's
O'Connor's News Store
The Four Corners
Stonehill College Snack Bar
Dorothy Anne's Pastry & Coffee Shop
Walter Schofield
James McAnna
Louis Freitas (Villa Rosa)
Easton Pharmacy(2)

Sunday Licenses

(Fee $5.00)

Albert McLeod (2)
Frederick and Anne Harnden
Corner Store
Frank E. Stiles
Floyd E. Peaslee
Perley Hilliard
Charlotte Kimball
Edgar H. Rohdin
Richard Southworth, Jr.

Sunday Entertainment Licenses

(Fee $1.00)

Town Theatre (5)
Union Villa (52)
Terminal Diner (3)
Easton Caterers (51)

Auto Dealers' Licenses, Class 1

(Fee $10.00)

Main Street Garage
Bradford Pontiac

Auto Dealers' Licenses, Class 2

(Fee $10.00)

Earle's Motor Sales
Robert W. Moore
Anthony Gaultier
Arthur H. Dunn
Avery L. Williams
Clifton Badeau
Joseph Gaultier
Leslie A. Skinner
Gardner Foundation, Inc.

Gasoline Licenses

(Fee $1.00)

Stedfast Rubber Co. (2)
George L. Copeland
John A. Stupac, Jr.
Irving B. Vose
Roger A. Heath

Gasoline Registration

(Fee $.50)

Ames School of Aviation
Donald Bailey
Bay Side Petroleum Co.
Wendell Ladd
Floyd E. Peaslee
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.
Sun Oil Co.
Fred Harnden
Fred Monte
Julius B. Grond
Clifton Badeau
Frank E. Blake
Carl Dahl
George C. Field
Edmund C. Ford
Joseph Gaultier
Charlotte Kimball
Paul Mitrano
Albert W. Niemi
Sherwood C. Nye
Edgar H. Rohdin
Harry Sundell
Stedfast Rubber Co. (5)
Lynda P. Howard
Harry R. Michelson
Roy C. Oman
John O. Dean Co., Inc.

Junk Licenses

(Fee $25.00)

William Familant
George Marshall

State Peddlers' Licenses

Recd. from Com. of Mass. (6)	$72.00

License to Rent and Lease Firearms

(Fee $10.00)

George R. Shepard

Auctioneer's License

(Fee $2.00)

Donald M. Brewster

Milk and Oleomargarine Licenses, Board of Health

(Fee $.50)

62 Licenses @ $31.00

Pasteurization License, Board of Health

(Fee $10.00)

Charles E. Wilbur

Non-Alcoholic Beverage Mfg. License, Health

(Fee $20.00)

The Crystal Beverage Co.
Simpson Spring Co.

Denatured Alcohol License, Health

(Fee $1.00)

Frederick V. Shaw

Slaughtering License, Health

(Fee $25.00)

Joseph H. Wilbur

Trailer Camp License, Health

Johnson's Trailer Park (renewal) $.50

Cesspool Permits, Health

(Fee $2.00)

Sundry Persons $124.00

HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING LICENSES
1953

179 Resident Citizen Fishing @ $3.25	$581.75
135 Resident Citizen Hunting @ $3.25	438.75
80 Resident Citizen Sporting @ $5.25	420.00
26 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing @ $1.25	32.50
29 Resident Citizen Female Fishing @ $2.25	65.25
2 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping @ $2.25	4.50
4 Resident Citizen Trapping @ $7.75	31.00
2 Non-Resident Fishing (Special) @ $2.75	5.50
1 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing @ $7.75	7.75
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting @ $15.25	15.25
1 Duplicate License* @ $.50	.50
40 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)**	.00
21 Resident Citizen Military Sporting (Free)***	.00
	$1,602.75
Fees for 459 licenses to Town Treasurer @ 25c	114.75
	$1,488.00

*(No fees allowed)
**(No fees allowed. Free to residents over 70 years of age.)
***(No fees allowed. Free to members of armed forces.)

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last five years was as follows:

1949	524
1950	524
1951	584
1952	505
1953	521

STANLEY F. RICE,
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES

Issued December 1, 1952 to November 30, 1953 inclusive.

Individual Licenses	409
Kennel Licenses	20
Total	429

The above licenses were as follows:

247 Males @ $2.00	$494.00
27 Females @ $5.00	135.00
135 Spayed Females @ $2.00	270.00
16 Kennel @ $10.00	160.00
3 Kennel @ $25.00	75.00
1 Kennel @ $50.00	50.00
	$1,184.00
Deducted for fees, 429 @ 20c	85.80
Amount paid County of Bristol	$1,098.20

For the benefit of the owners and keepers of dogs, the following extract from the General Laws is submitted:

General Laws, Chapter 140

Section 137—Licenses and Tags. The owners or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before March thirty-first, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from April first following, if the dog is kept in Boston in the office of the police commissioner, or if kept in any other town in the office of the clerk thereof. The license shall be in a form perscribed by the director, upon a blank to be furnished, except in the County of Suffolk, by the county in which the town is located and shall be subject to the conditions expressed therein that the dog which is the subject of the license shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing live stock or fowls. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the director, and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue. Such tag shall be furnished in the same manner as the license blanks, and if any such tag shall be lost the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the town clerk, at a cost of ten cents which shall be retained by the clerk, unless otherwise provided by law. Any persons may bring or cause to be brought from another state or county any dog licensed under the law thereof and keep such dogs in this commonwealth for a period not exceeding thirty days without licensing it hereunder, and during such period the foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to such dog.

Section 138—Licenses. A person who after April first in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old after March thirty-first in any year, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed. collared or harnessed and tagged as required by section one hundred and thirty-seven. A person who after April first in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is duly licensed in the town where kept shall forthwith give notice in writing to the clerk, of such town, or if kept in Boston to the police commissioner, that he has become such owner or keeper, and said clerk or police commissioner, as the case may be, shall change the record of such license to show the name and address of the new owner or keeper.

STANLEY F. RICE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS FOR THE YEAR 1953

Three meetings of the board were held for registration of voters.

At the close of registration on February 10, 1953, the number of registered voters was as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Precinct One	301	302	603
Precinct Two	1073	1158	2231
Princinct Three	536	530	1066
Total	1910	1990	3900

The distribution of voters by party designation was as follows:

	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Total
Princinct One	27	316	260	603
Precinct Two	274	1116	841	2231
Princinct Three	30	610	426	1066
	331	2042	1527	3900

All nomination papers were checked and approved by the board.

SIGFRID V. LEDIN, Chairman
JOHN J. GALVIN
MICHAEL J. CANTY
STANLEY F. RICE, Clerk ex-officio,

Registrars of Voters.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of Easton:

We submit the following report of the Town of Easton, as assessed January 1, 1953.

Valuation of the Town

Valuation of Real Estate	$6,488,103.00
Valuation of Personal Property	550,470.00
Valuation of Real Estate Assessed in December	24,425.00
Valuation of Personal Property Assessed in Dec.	1,200.00
	$7,064,198.00

Table of Aggregates

Number of persons and corporations assessed	2,326
Rate of property tax per thousand of valuation	$58.00
Value of motor vehicles assessed	$1,166,670.00
Rate of motor vehicle tax per thousand	$50.42
Number of males assessed	2,131
Rate of poll tax	$2.00
Number of acres of land assessed	17,398.93
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1,802
Number of horses assessed	22
Number of cows assessed	511
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed	139
Number of swine assessed	61
Number of sheep assessed	30
Number of fowl assessed	33,959
Number of all other animals assessed	409

Valuation of Districts

North Easton Village District	$2,988,676.00
South Easton and Eastondale District	1,963,679.00
Unionville District	737,606.00
Easton Center District	174,299.00

Recapitulation

Amount raised and appropriated at the annual town meeting in March 1953, including the overlay	$579,465.37

Amount appropriated at the annual town meeting in March 1953		11,000.00
Overlay deficit of prior years		339.70
Bonds and interest		29,370.50
State Parks		631.26
State audit of municipal accounts		146.11
County tax		17,598.46
County hospital tax		9,311.55
County retirement assessment		4,377.89
Gross amount to be raised		$652,240.84
Estimated Receipts	$195,342.53	
Available Funds:		
Amount voted from Excess and Deficiency Account to reduce tax levy	30,000.00	
Appropriated at town meetings, February and March	11,000.00	
County tax refund	1,687.62	
County hospital tax refund	1,710.94	
Total receipts		$239,741.09
Total amount raised by taxation on polls and property		$412,499.75

There was an increase in appropriations of $54,882.38 over the previous year.

The County Tax was $854.16 less than in 1952, the County Hospital Tax $836.22 less than in 1952.

There was a gain in Real Estate Valuation of $357,528.00; and a loss of $17,473.00 in personal property valuation as compared to the previous year.

There was an increase in Motor Vehicle Valuation of $159,370.00.

The Assessors were authorized to use $30,000.00 from money in the Treasury (Excess and Deficiency Account) to reduce the tax levy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. LINEHAN
KENNETH C. HAYWARD
WILLIAM McFARLAND

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

TAXES OF 1951

Dr.

Uncollected balance, January 1, 1953	$5,500.16	
Interest charged	347.54	
Costs charged	72.30	
Tax taking interest	1.48	
Tax taking costs	19.05	
		$5,940.53

Cr.

Collected in 1953	$5,302.54	
Interest collected	347.54	
Costs collected	72.30	
Abatements	178.24	
Tax title account	19.38	
Tax taking interest	1.48	
Tax taking costs	19.05	
		$5,940.53

—Itemized—

	Collected	Abated	Tax Title	Total
Excise	$158.36	$.00	$.00	$158.36
Poll	12.00	.00	.00	12.00
Personal	367.69	.00	.00	367.69
Real	4,514.59	172.80	19.20	4,706.59
N. Easton	68.88	1.28	.00	70.16
S. Easton	109.25	4.16	.00	113.41
Unionville	21.37	.00	.18	21.55
E. Center	50.40	.00	.00	50.40
Total	$5,302.54	$178.24	$19.38	$5,500.16

TAXES OF 1952

Dr.

Uncollected balance, January 1, 1953	$37,520.09	
Excise committed in 1953	3,611.74	
Interest charged	426.49	
Costs charged	295.50	
Tax taking interest	.77	
Tax taking costs	1.05	
Abatements after payment	304.28	
		$42,159.92

Cr.

Collected in 1953	$31,083.08	
Interest collected	426.49	
Costs collected	295.50	
Abatements	504.35	
Tax title account	20.98	
Tax taking interest	.77	
Tax taking costs	1.05	
Abatements refunded	304.28	
Uncollected balance, December 31, 1953	9,523.42	
		$42,159.92

— Itemized —

	Collected	Abated	Refunded	Tax Title	Uncollected	Total
Excise	$ 9,502.54	$504.35	$103.53	$ .00	$ 257.86	$10,368.28
Poll	14.00	.00	.00	.00	8.00	22.00
Personal	1,593.25	.00	.00	.00	1,866.75	3,460.00
Real	18,573.39	.00	182.50	20.00	6,910.15	25,686.04
N. Easton	484.98	.00	18.25	.00	209.26	712.49
S. Easton	479.29	.00	.00	.78	61.57	541.64
Unionville	181.78	.00	.00	.20	154.70	336.68
E. Center	253.85	.00	.00	.00	55.13	308.98
Total	$31,083.08	$504.35	$304.28	$20.98	$9,523.42	$41,436.11

TAXES OF 1953

Dr.

Excise commitments	$56,610.56
Poll commitments	4,270.00
Personal property commitments	31,996.81
Real estate commitments	377,727.19
N. Easton commitments	8,996.71
S. Easton commitments	6,147.36

Unionville commitments	3,332.33	
E. Center commitments	1,220.08	
Interest charged	103.66	
Costs charged	326.80	
Abatements after payment	1,257.10	
		$491,988.60

Cr.

Collected in 1953	$431,915.74	
Interest collected	103.66	
Costs collected	326.80	
Abatements	20,011.55	
Tax title account	364.84	
Abatements refunded	1,257.10	
Uncollected balance, Dec. 31, 1953	38,008.91	
		$491,988.60

— Itemized —

	Collected	Abated	Refunded	Tax Title	Uncollected	Total
Excise	$ 44,588.76	$ 7,458.59	$ 734.01	$ .00	$ 4,563.21	$ 57,344.57
Poll	3,362.00	882.00	2.00	.00	26.00	4,272.00
Personal	29,033.59	149.35	58.00	.00	2,813.87	32,054.81
Real	337,247.31	10,938.90	443.70	354.38	29,186.60	378,170.89
N. Easton	8,362.92	174.43	13.50	2.10	457.26	9,010.21
S. Easton	5,337.41	196.09	5.89	3.10	610.76	6,153.25
Unionville	3,011.82	108.24	.00	5.26	207.01	3,332.33
E. Center	971.93	103.95	.00	.00	144.20	1,220.08
Total	$431,915.74	$20,011.55	$1,257.10	$364.84	$38,008.91	$491,558.14

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1953	$531,852.52
Temporary Loans	75,000.00
School Construction Loan	70,000.00
Premium on Bonds	98.00
Accrued Interest on Bonds	35.00
Interest on School Loan	4,067.92
Withholding Taxes	38,732.06
Bristol County Retirement	5,410.13
Received from Collector of Taxes	
Town and District Taxes of 1951	5,302.54
Town and District Taxes of 1952	31,083.08
Town and District Taxes of 1953	431,915.74
Interest on Taxes	877.69
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Income Taxes	59,968.99
Corporation Taxes, Business	25,283.42
Meals Tax	2,813.44
State Aid to Highways	1,617.83
Schools Transportation	9,342.82
Plowing Snow	252.00
Vocational Education	1,798.29
Disability Aid Administration	27.30
Received from County of Bristol:	
Dog Fund of 1952	806.75
Country Aid to Highways	808.94
Oliver Ames Highway Fund, Income	28,516.16
Oliver Ames Highway 2nd Fund, Income	1,404.60
Oliver Ames School Fund, Income	23,695.88
Oakes Ames School Fund, Income	3,559.91
School Lunch Program	24,299.87
School Activities	1,162.37
Young Scholarship Fund, Income	85.01
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Income	580.68
Old Age Assistance Recovery Account	2,375.70
Road Machinery Fund	622.80
Tailings (confiscated checks)	364.01
Dog Licenses, for 1953, less fees	1,096.40

Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance	55,392.67
Old Age Assistance Administration	3,528.42
Aid to Dependent Children	7,327.00
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	577.55
Disability Assistance	1,565.74
Disability Assistance Administration	54.62
Vocational Education	3,025.00
Redemption of Tax Titles:	
Town	311.51
S. Easton & Eastondale District	16.63
Interest and Costs	19.83
Sale of Tax Possession:	
Town	1,689.20
North Easton District	30.37
S. Easton & Eastondale District	1.60
Unionville District	3.83
Departmental Receipts:	
Aid to Dependent Children	5,717.27
Disability Assistance	1,337.14
Health	1,167.99
Highway	14.00
Incidentals	3,535.50
Old Age Assistance	52,305.92
Public Welfare	1,290.56
Planning Board	6.50
Police	349.65
Registrars of Voters	25.00
School	5,762.55
Sealer of Weights and Measures	202.65
Tree	157.80
Tax Collector	709.60
Town Clerk	1,186.85
Veterans' Benefits	5,833.15
	$1,538,003.95

Expenditures

Temporary Loans	$75,000.00
Withholding Taxes	38,732.06
Retirement Deductions	5,410.13

N. Easton District Taxes (To Dist. Treas.)	8,885.03
S. Easton District Taxes (To Dist. Treas.)	5,920.06
Unionville District Taxes (To Dist. Treas.)	3,214.97
E. Center District Taxes (To Dist. Treas.)	1,276.18
S. Easton District Tax Title (To Dist. Treas.)	16.63
N. Easton Dist. Tax Possession (To Dist. Treas.)	30.37
S. Easton Dist. Tax Possession (To Dist. Treas.)	1.60
Unionville Dist. Tax Possession (To Dist. Treas.)	3.83
Tax Refunds:	
Excise Taxes of 1952	103.53
Excise Taxes of 1953	734.01
Poll Taxes of 1953	2.00
Town Personal Taxes of 1953	58.00
Town Real Estate Taxes of 1952	182.50
Town Real Estate Taxes of 1953	443.70
N. Easton District Taxes of 1952	18.25
N. Easton District Taxes of 1953	13.50
S. Easton District Taxes of 1953	5.89
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
State Park and Reservations	837.12
Auditing Municipal Accounts	13.43
Paid County of Bristol:	
County Tax	15,469.44
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	9,603.88
Retirement System Assessment	4,377.89
Dog Licenses	1,098.20
School Bonds	19,000.00
Interest on School Bonds	6,075.50
Printing School Bonds and Expenses	110.75
Highway Garage Loan	4,000.00
Interest on Highway Garage Loan	330.00
Young Scholarship Fund, Income	85.01
Interest on Notes	473.95
Departmental Payments (See Accountant's Report)	1,041,684.49
Balance, December 31, 1953	294,792.05
	$1,538,003.95

STANLEY F. RICE

Town Treasurer.

TOWN OF EASTON

Financial Statement As of December 31, 1953

Assets

Cash in Treasury, General Fund	$235,735.88
Cash in Treasury, School Construction Account	59,056.17
	$294,792.05

Liabilities

Outstanding School Bonds, Issue of 1938, 2%	$2,000.00
Outstanding School Bonds, Issue of 1952, 1.60%	317,000.00
Outstanding School Bonds, Issue of 1953, 2¼%	70,000.00
Outstanding Highway Garage Notes, Issue of 1951, 1½%	20,000.00
	$409,000.00

Uncollected Town and District Taxes

As of December 31, 1953

	Committed	Uncollected	Per Cent Collected
For the year 1952:			
Town	$389,762.59	$9,042.76	97.68
Districts	23,719.47	480.66	97.97
For the year 1953:			
Town	$470,604.56	$36,589.68	92.20
Districts	19,696.48	1,419.23	92.79

STANLEY F. RICE,

Treasurer and Tax Collector

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF TOWN TREASURER

	Principal	12-31-52 Balance	1953 Interest	1953 Withdrawn	12-31-53 Balance
S. Olive Drake	$243.41	$ 345.43	$ 9.55	$ 5.00	$ 349.98
Cyrus Alger	300.00	400.00	11.58	11.58	400.00
Lewis Williams	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Pine Grove Cemetery	1,480.38	1,480.38	42.85	42.85	1,480.38
Lothrop & Towne	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Daniel Belcher	200.00	280.99	8.11	8.11	280.99
Almira E. Packard	100.00	149.46	4.32	4.32	149.46
Daniel M. Dailey	150.00	150.00	4.34	4.34	150.00
Margaret J. Fisher	100.00	120.71	3.48	3.48	120.71
E. D. and E. Williams	150.00	150.00	4.35	4.35	150.00
Elizabeth F. Drake	200.00	279.41	8.09	8.09	279.41
William Erving	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Dean Keith Family	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Robert M. Malloy Lots	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Elizabeth L. Reed	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Archie J. McEntee Lots	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
E. L. Lewis Fund	200.00	200.00	5.78	5.78	200.00
Thos. C. McDermott Lots	1,000.00	1,328.19	38.38	5.00	1,361.57
Thomas C. McDermott	500.00	507.67	14.47	14.00	508.14
Carr and White Lots	2,500.00	2,600.29	73.99	86.25	2,588.03
Willis and Brod Lots	200.00	200.00	5.78	5.78	200.00
		$8,892.53	$255.37	$229.23	$8,918.67

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF SELECTMEN

	Principal	12-31-52 Balance	1953 Interest	1953 Withdrawn	12-31-52 Balance
Nancy B. Buck	$200.00	$211.18	$ 6.11	$ 6.11	$211.18
Josiah Williams	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Howe-Keith-White	200.00	210.00	6.07	6.07	210.00
Seth L. French	100.00	100.00	2.90	2.90	100.00
Alonzo Marshall	200.00	200.00	5.78	5.78	200.00
		$21.18	$23.76	$23.76	$821.18

HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND

Original amount of fund		$500.00
Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	$632.25	
Interest added in 1953	18.29	
		650.54
Withdrawn in 1953		18.29
Balance, Dec. 31, 1953		$632.25

HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE GENERAL CEMETERY FUND

Original amount of fund		$10,685.75
Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	$10,685.75	
Interest added in 1953	309.40	
		10,995.15
Withdrawn in 1953		309.40
Balance, Dec. 31, 1953		$10,685.75

LEWIS R. MASON
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST
ALBERT E. WOOD

Selectmen of Easton

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	$15,478.67	
Interest added in 1953	448.18	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1953		$15,926.85

YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	$3,043.17	
Interest added in 1953	86.84	
		$3,130.01
Withdrawn in 1953		85.01
Balance, Dec. 31, 1953		$3,045.00

STANLEY F. RICE,

Town Treasurer

OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

INSURANCE & REPAIR ACCOUNT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953		$8,520.06
Receipts:		
State Street Trust	$735.00	
Bond Investment Co.	267.50	
Union Pacific R.R.	88.00	
No. Easton Savings Bank	97.43	
Peoples Savings Bank	26.25	
Randolph Savings Bank	27.50	
		1,241.68
		$9,761.74
Expenditures:		
James Mullen, Repoint West Wall	$1,766.60	
Timothy Bryant, painting	586.13	
Walsh Metal Co.	537.89	
Wm. N. Howard, insurance	456.77	
Andrew Lauzon, clean yard	34.45	
E. A. Mansfield, repair gutters	129.95	
Miscellaneous repairs	26.50	
Comm. of Mass., license	25.00	
First Nat. Bank, vault locker	6.00	
		$3,569.29
Balance January 1, 1954		$6,192.45

OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

RENTING ACCOUNT

Balance Jan. 1, 1953		$84.19
Receipts:		
Rent of Halls	$443.00	443.00
		$527.19
Expenditures:		
Wm. Knapp & Son, fuel	$181.28	
Brockton Edison Co.	146.47	
L. L. Gurney, janitor	168.00	
L. L. Gurney, clerk	25.00	
No. Easton Village District	14.00	
Miscellaneous	14.09	
Chas. Dart, clean yard	10.00	
		$558.84
Deficit January 1, 1954		$31.65

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE I. GURNEY, Clerk

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I submit my report as director of the Veterans' Service Department of Easton from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

During these months I had a total of over 200 cases for information of Veterans Rights, Bonus, Hospitalization, Schooling and On the Job Training. We have had twenty veterans hospitalized within the past year, two of whom are still hospitalized and one in a rest home.

My expenses for the year 1953 from January to December 31 were as follows:

Telephone Expense	$68.09	
Mileage	85.05	
Miscellaneous	$38.33	
		$191.47
Salary	$1,200.00	$1,200.00
March Appropriation—Salary	$1,200.00	
Expense	200.00	
		$1,400.00
Salary and Expense	$1,391.47	$1,391.47
		$8.53

JEREMIAH J. REARDON,

Director of Veterans' Services

VETERANS' BENEFITS

To the Selectmen of Easton:

Gentlemen:

I submit my report of Veterans' Benefits for the year of 1953 as follows:

March Appropriation		$10,000.00
Case No. 1	$1,469.59	
Case No. 2	1,420.00	
Case No. 3	1,398.75	
Case No. 4	1,214.00	
Case No. 5	1,048.00	
Case No. 6	860.00	
Case No. 7	830.00	
Case No. 8	577.00	
Case No. 9	556.00	
Case No. 10	170.00	
Case No. 11	165.00	
Case No. 12	100.00	
Veterans' Benefits Paid Out		$9,808.34
		$191.66

JEREMIAH J. REARDON,

Director of Veterans' Services

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Eaton:—

The Board of Selectmen respectfully presents for your consideration the reports of the various Departments.

The new large Highway truck that was voted for at the last Town Meeting was purchased after investigation of various makes, and it was finally decided to purchase the Auto Car as this seemed to be for the best interests of the Town.

Again we must congratulate Mr. Norman Durfee for the fine work he has done on Civilian Defense. We do stress the need of cooperation from the townspeople to receive the needed results if he is to succeed in his work.

Many thanks go to the Lions Club for their drive in behalf of the Worcester Tornado Disaster, which netted a goodly sum.

We plan to widen Center Street this year from Main Street to Day Street, to help solve the parking problem.

Another problem facing your Selectmen is drainage. The Sheridan St. section is in real troble after each large storm. Larger pipes must be installed. Another section on Elm Street also gives a large amount of trouble. Work must also be done on Pine Street and Turnpike Street.

After much discussion and conferences with the Department of Public Works, with Officials of both the Taunton Office and the Boston Office, we finally obtained their cooperation in widening and rebuilding Main Street from Williams Street to Washington Street at an estimate of $80,000.00, this to be apportioned as follows: State $40,000.00, the County $20,000.00, and the Town $20,000.00, half to be raised this year and the other half next year. If the Town was to do this work itself, the estimate to take care of the work from Williams Street to Seaver Street would be about $25,000.00

We again plan to participate in Chapter 90 Maintenance.

This year we have installed a new insurance plan, so that all Agents in the Town would participate. This plan was started July 1st. and has proved very satisfactory up to the present date.

On the latter part of December we held an open house at the Town Garage, so that the townspeople could inspect its building and equipment. Many of the townspeople attended as well as some from out of Town.

The Board has held sixty four meetings this year in our office, we have attended four County Meetings, of which your Chairman was honored by being elected President, one meeting with the Department of Public Works and one State Meeting.

We again recommend the purchase of a new Police Car.

In conclusion we wish to thank all the Department Heads, and their Personnel for their whole hearted support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS R. MASON
ALBERT E. WOOD
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST

Selectmen of Easton

REPORT OF MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I submit the following annual report of the Maternal and Child Welfare Nursing Service for the residents of the Town of Easton.

Four Well Baby Conferences were held during the year of 1953. A total of 62 children were seen at these conferences. Dr. Clara Waldinger, pediatrician on the staff of the New England Hospital for Women and Children continues to be our attending physician. Any defects noted are referred to the family doctor. Any child below school age is welcome at these conferences.

Our aim continues to be that of service in guiding parents in the care of children from birth to school age. To this end we welcome calls from any resident of Easton who might like advice or assistance in the care of their children.

MATERNITY	Cases	Visits
Antepartum	13	31
Postpartum	30	99
ACUTE COMMUNICABLE	3	8
CHILD WELFARE		
New Born	30	103
Infant	53	144
Preschool	137	246
EDUCATIONAL		
Adult	4	58
Tuberculosis	7	12
SOCIAL SERVICE	4	13
UNCLASSIFIED		99
	281	813

CLARABEL A. POWELL R.N.

Public Health Nurse.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following account of the work done by the Highway Department during the past year.

The usual plowing and sanding operations were carried out during the early months of the year. An unusually rainy Spring caused considerable catch basin cleaning, and, in some cases, serious drainage problems. Some very necessary drainage work was done. The drain on Seaver Street was dug up and replaced with a larger pipe. Because of the possibility of construction work on Main Street, this project was carried only to this junction at this time.

Sections of Dailey and Western Avenues were completed, and the last section of Harrison Avenue was graveled, graded, and surfaced.

Seal work with asphalt was carried out during the hot weather. Considerable honing work was also accomplished this year. There are many streets still needing this treatment, however.

During the autumn months much roadside brush was cut and burned. Shoulders were trimmed in many places where it was necessary to drain the water from the black surface of the roads. The gravel roads were smoothed out several times with the grader. A section of Chestnut Street was graded, and some gravel applied in preparation for the hard surface that was put on. I hope more of this work can be done in the future. We have only a few miles of gravel roads left in Easton now.

Work is still being done around the new garage, improving the building and the grounds. The old barn was torn down. Salvagable lumber was cleaned and stored to be used to build a shed that would prove very useful.

The old horse-drawn sidewalk plows now in use do not do a very good job despite the great efforts of the men using them. The Town should have power plows for this work.

Painting white lines was done twice during the year, and in some areas three times. There is more of this work to be done every year. The regular sign painting and repairing was done with much new sign work added.

The cemetery work was done again this year by the Highway Department, and the greens were mowed and kept clean and neat.

The new truck that was purchased is doing an excellent job of hauling sand and gravel. This machine will be invaluable too for heavy snow plowing operations.

I wish to thank all town officials and other departments that helped the Highway Department do its work during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL W. JONES,

Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the report of the Police Department of the Town of Easton for the year ending December 31, 1953.

REPORT OF ARRESTS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Offense	Female	Male
Accosting		1
Adultery	1	
Assault and Battery		5
Assault with a dangerous weapon		2
Assault with a dangerous weapon, with intent to robe		3
Begetting		1
Breaking and entering in the night time, and larceny		38
Dealing in junk without a license		1
Dealing in Motor Vehicles without a license		1
Delinquents		7
Deserters		2
Disturbing the peace		1
Drunk		11
Escapees		3
Failing to keep to the right of the road	2	29
Insane		3
Leaving the scene of an accident, property damage		1
Leaving the scene of an accident, personal injury		1
Lewdness		1
Larceny, less than $100.00		4
Larceny by check		1
Neglect to Provide		2
Non-Support		3
Non-payment of Wages		1
Operating so as to Endanger	2	10
Operating under the influence		6
Operating without a license		3
Speeding		30
Using a Motor Vehicle without authority		4
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws		9
Violation of probation		9

Violation of Hunting laws		1
Wilful and Malicious Destruction of property		4
Wilful and Malicious Destruction of Personal property		4
Total	5	202

STATE POLICE, TROOP "D", BRIDGEWATER

Chief of Police
Easton, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is a list of arrests made in Easton by State Police Officers during 1953:

	Female	Male
Drunk		7
Operating under influence		5
Speeding		6
Passing View Obstructed		3
Operating unregistered car		2
Operating without license		3
Failing to stop for Police Officer		1
Giving False Name to Police Officer		1
Assault with Dangerous Weapon		2
Operating after right suspended		1

ROBERT L. FERRARI,
Captain, Commanding Troop "D"
Massachusetts State Police

Complaints	1,323
Investigations	1,531
Missing persons	20
Missing persons located	26
Summons served from Easton Police	36
Summons served for other departments	63
Breaks	19

Messages delivered	92
Doors found unlocked	11
Bicycles stolen	2
Bicycles recovered	2
Bicycles registered	58
Cars stolen	5
Cars recovered	10
Licenses suspended	39
Reports to Registr yof Motor Vehicles, warning	62
Property lost or stolen, total value	$6,544.50
Property recovered	$9,486.00
Attempted breaks	12
Revolver permits issued	54
Revolver permits issued Police	8
Fire calls	30
Days in District Court	152
Days in Superior Court	24
Class 1 dealers motor vehicles sales reports	160
Class 2 dealers motor vehicles sales reports	1,194
Individual transfer for sales reports	407
Parking tags	107
Trips to induction center	6

TRAFFIC REPORT

Accidents involving personal injury	70
Accidents involving property damage	78
Fatal Accidents	3
Bicyclists involved in accidents	2
Children involved in accidents	3

In concluding this report I should like to express my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, the local office of the New England Telephone Company, and all other departments and agencies that have rendered us co-operation and valuable assistance in carrying out our responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. BERGLUND,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit the following report of the activities of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Total number of calls	146
Building Fires	13
Chimney Fires	6
Grass, Brush and Dump Fires	82
Automobile and Trucks	11
Oil and Gasoline Flares	4
False and Unnecessary	12
Emergency	7
Aid Call to Outside Towns	1

Permits Issued:

Fires in Open Air	371
Storage of Fuel and Range Oil	119
Transportation of Explosives	30
Bottled Gas	55

Our Department has again had an active year, although our number of calls were reduced. Our Brush and Grass fires were decreased and our building fires were held to average with few heavy losses.

Our apparatus is again in good condition. Our Ford in North Easton had a new booster tank, new rear step and makes a fine truck for combating our deep wood fires. I must call your attention to the fact that our Ahrens Fox purchased in 1925 should be replaced in the near future. Plans are being made to place one of our trucks in Easton Furnace District which I feel will be an added improvement to the protection of the property in that district.

Both companies, North and South, now have a complete membership, and we are planning outdoor drills as soon as the weather permits. Appointments are being made of men working in Easton when possible.

Our Fire Alarm is now in good condition. Extensive improvements are being planned to carry our alarm system to new developments throughout the town.

Our General Electric Radios are still an asset to the Department in connecting the two companies. We have purchased another radio for our new engine at North Easton which will still help the efficiency of the Department.

Fire Prevention Week was carried out as usual with drills held in all the schools in Town. My thanks are extended to the School Authorities for their cheerful cooperation. To Rudolph Howard again thanks for his assistance.

As in past years our station was beautifully decorated at Christmas time. I wish to thank the members of the department who did the decorating this year without the supervision of William Yaskonis who was not able to carry on due to a serious operation.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, and all the other Town Departments and their members, for their kind assistance given to me and this Department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. BAILEY, Chief

REPORT OF SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I would like to submit this report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Easton for work done during the year of 1953. This Department has completed the following work. It has inspected, adjusted where necessary, and sealed the following measuring devices.

5	Scales over 10,000 lbs.
3	Scales 5,000-10,000 lbs.
37	Scales 100-5,000 lbs.
65	Under 100 lbs.
136	Avoirdupois weights adjusted and sealed
21	Apothecary weights adjusted and sealed
17	Liquid measures 1 gallon or less
49	Gasoline pumps
12	Kerosene and grease measuring devices
10	Oil truck meters

This department has also inspected and approved various packaged commodities offered for sale in the Town of Easton. The number of inspections totals 180.

We have checked various peddlers in regards to licenses and equipment and have filed our annual report to the Division of Standards, State House, Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. GUSTAFSON,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

During the year the inspection of all cattle, sheep and swine was made and the condition and cleanliness of the premises where they were kept.

The inspection of 712 cattle, 45 steers, 86 heifer calves, 125 swine and 39 sheep was made.

There were 183 cattle shipped into the Town of Easton from out of State. These animals were inspected and ear tag numbers sent to the Department of Livestock Disease Control.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLINTON GOWARD

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I herewith submit my report as Dog Officer for the year ending December 31, 1953.

There were 87 cases investigated during the year 1953.

Eighteen cases of damage done by dogs were reported to me and attended to.

Eleven cases of dog bites were called to my attention, and these dogs were restrained for 30 days.

Forty six dogs were picked up, held for six days and then destroyed.

We are again confronted with the problem of missing dogs, and we would like to impress on every one the importance of getting the registration number of a car when one sees an automobilist picking up a dog that does not belong to him or her. The Police should then be notified or the Dog Officer. We have checked with other communities in this respect and they are having the same difficulty. We would appreciate the support of all persons in keeping a check on this situation in the hope that it can be cleared up and the stealing of people's pets stopped.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Selectmen, the Town Clerk, and all Police Officers for the help they have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. REARDON

Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of the Moth Department for the year 1953.

A change was made in some of the work done this year. Through the cooperation of the Mass. Department of Conservation an airplane was employed to spray five hundred and two (502) acres of woodland near the Easton-Stoughton line. This had been badly stripped in 1952. The results were excellent. Much of the area north of Easton in Stoughton was stripped again in 1953, but no stripping was apparent where this program was carried out. Again this year some stripping was noted in the section off Sumner and Randall Streets and Beaver Dam Road. This district and another belt lying along the area sprayed in 1953 should be covered in 1954. An estimated 2500 acres need to be sprayed to insure control.

The Elm Leaf Beetle was not as apparent in 1953 as in some other years. Many calls were received to spray these pests. All Elms were sprayed twice during the season.

Some spraying was done to control the Japanese Beetle, but lack of funds did not permit covering all sections.

Birch Leaf Miner again attacked birch trees in many yards. People who have birch trees should be on the alert for this infection because continued attacks will cause the trees to die.

Dutch Elm Disease continued to spread over Easton during the past year. Hardly a street that has Elm trees has escaped.

A dormant spray was applied to the Elms early in the Spring, but it didn't help as was expected. It is apparent now that all Elms are doomed as nothing new has been found to control this disease even though considerable money has been spent in experiments trying to find a cure.

Samples were taken from all Elms that showed signs of having the disease. A total of 31 trees was found to be infected, and these were removed as quickly as possible, bringing to 46 the number of trees cut down as a result of the Dutch Elm Disease in the past three years.

Many of the trees were large, making it necessary to have help of a private Tree Company in topping and removing them.

Some repair work was done on the sprayer, and it again proved its value in the work of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS LORDAN,

Moth Supt.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of the work of the Tree Department for the year 1953.

Much time was spent this year removing trees. A total of sixty-four (64) trees was removed. Of these, two were posted, and there being no objections, were removed. Many requests for removal of trees were denied because the reasons advanced were not adequate.

Again this year a private Tree Company was hired to remove some of the larger trees. Although some of the Elms do not have the Dutch Elm Disease, they are dying anyway. If they were to be trimmed, nothing of value would remain; so it has been deemed wiser to cut them down.

Poison Ivy spraying was carried out as usual. Still, much remains to be done. Good control was noted where the spray was applied. Because the drift of the spray could cause considerable damage to private property, this work must be done with great care.

Trimming work was carried out as time permitted, but the requirements of tree removal work were so demanding that it was impossible to cover every street in 1953.

No tree planting was done this year. In view of the many requests received for new trees, I am asking that the sum of $500.00 be raised for this purpose in 1954.

I wish to thank the Brockton Edison Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS LORDAN,

Tree Warden

1953-1954 JURY LIST

Aakre, Oscar J., Purchase Street	Electrician
Allen, Perley W., Poquanticut Avenue	Shoe Worker
Anderson, Donald E., 26 Linden Street	Engineer
Anderson, George J., Sheridan Street	Truck Driver
Baker, Roger L., Foundry Street,	Construction Superintendent
Badeau, Donald W., Turnpike Street	Mechanic
Bearse, J. Stewart, Bay Road	Carpenter
Benson, C. Edwin, Columbus Avenue	Foundry Worker
Bissett, William T., Center Street	Mechanic
Bailey, Forrest E., Washington Street	Machinist
Boone, Harold E., 238 Highland Street	Insurance
Brewster, Donald M., Foundry Street	Auctioneer
Bryant, Timothy, Massapoag Avenue	Painter
Buckingham, Charles, Center Street	Salesman
Brown, Harold P., Washington Street	Shoe Worker
Caney, George, Massapoag Avenue	Farmer
Carpenter, Carl R., Washington Street	Chauffeur
Case, Arthur P., Purchase Street	Salesman
Cravenho, George, Baldwin Street	Salesman
Christman, John H., Jr., Pine Street	Machinist
Clark, Everett D., 78 Pine Street	Machinist
Davis, George, 691 Washington Street	Engineer
Dailey, Richard A., 3 Hollis Road	Salesman
Dunn, Arthur H., Poquanticut Avenue	Auto Salesman
Flinkstrom, Paul E., Rockland Street	Machinist
Farnham, Roy B., Foundry Street	Machinist
Flynn, William T., Hayward Street	Salesman
Fraser, Robert H., Bay Road	Farmer
Freeman, Donald A., Jenny Lind Street	Farmer
Gadd, Albert H., 61 Elm Street	Truck Driver
Garcia, Joaquin, Center Street	Laborer
Gill, Joseph J., Depot Street	Farmer
Gifford, Merton E., Washington Street	Mechanic
Gomes, Louis J., Washington Street	Farmer
Groom, Gerald A., Foundry Street	Clerk
Hanson, George A. R., Mechanic Street	Truck Driver
Hanson, Carl W., 39 Mechanic Street	Technician
Harlow, Tisdale H., Foundry Street	Foundry Worker
Hayward, Harold W., Foundry Street	Mechanic
Healey, James, 6 Seaver Street	Mailman
Heath, Stuart D., Depot Street	Salesman

Higgins, Thomas L., Pond Street	Interior Decorator
Hurley, Vincent E., 108 Howard Street	Kennel Operator
Johnson, Folke C., 34 Williams Street	Plumber
Johnson, Thorwald, 25 Williams Street	Electrician
Kavka, Joseph A., Center Street	Supervisor
LeRoy, Francis E., Lincoln Street	Shovel Worker
Leighton, Burritt F., Pine Street	Civil Engineer
Lewis, Arthur T., Purchase Street	Machine Operator
Lind, Richard, 53 Pine Street	Truck Driver
Mahoney, Joseph F., Depot Street	Salesman
MacLeod, Thomas, Poquanticut Avenue	Foreman
Middleton, Richard V., 75 Center Street	Salesman
Moberg, Elmer B., 59 Pine Street	Bus Operator
Morse, Alfred G., 24 Main Street	Office Worker
Mitchell, Norman, Prospect Street	Nurseryman
O'Connell, Richard T., 38 Seaver Street	Telephone Worker
Payzant, Richard, Center Street	Civil Engineer
Phillips, Austin C., South Street	Salesman
Pollard, Russell, 214 Depot Street	Engineer
Poliseno, Armand, Bay Road	Salesman
Powers, Alfred N., Highland Street	Mechanic
Ranta, Hjalmar J., Washington Street	Truck Driver
Ray, Alliston S., 187 Washington Street	Operator
Robinson, Arthur T., Oliver Street	Salesman
Rushforth, Alvah H., Prospect Street	Machinist
Standley, Robert E., Center Street	Carpenter
Steffen, Irving L. E., Jr., 348 Purchase Street	Carpenter
Santos, Manuel J., 33 Day Street	Carpenter
Stone, Robert C., 43 Mechanic Street	Rubber Worker
Sundell, Carl E., 7 Baldwin Street	Lineman
Thomas, Earl G., Depot Street	Carpenter
Thomas, Kenneth, 139 Sheridan Street	Salesman
Towne, Russell W., 17 Hayward Street	Service Manager
Tyler, Harry W., Washington Street	Recreation Manager
Vendt, William N., Maple Street	Storekeeper
Wiederman, Sigurd E., 12 Jenny Lind Street	Machinist
Wolak, Walter, 71 Columbus Avenue	Plastic Moulder

LEWIS R. MASON
ALBERT E. WOOD
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST

Selectmen of Easton

August 3, 1953.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

We, the Planning Board of Easton take great pleasure in presenting this, our third annual report.

During the past year we have worked on a great many varied projects which were for the best interests of our Town.

There have been many proposals for developments by both local and outside interests. These have been given a thorough survey by your board and approval granted only when it was for the best interests of the Town.

Our election of officers was held early in the year and Mr. Willis Buck was elected chairman and Ralph D. Dorgan was elected secretary.

A vote of appreciation was given last year's chairman, Harold T. Darling and secretary George DeWitt.

Meetings were held with various departments of the town and informative discussions brought out the need of some further study into some of the essential needs of the town.

Another problem which has become a matter of principle with your board is the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting of 1952, at which time it was voted 447 in the affirmative to 34 in the negative to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Brockton Edison Co. for the purpose of installing street lights in sections of the town not now having them. We were informed the vote was not in good taste inasmuch as it is not a legal procedure to have the town take over contracts which exist between the districts and another party. The districts in discussion being the North Easton Village and the Unionville Fire and Water District.

These two districts were approached by your board to see if they would at their annual meetings cancel the existing contracts and enable the town to fulfill the vote taken at the above meeting.

The vote of the Unionville District was they would do nothing.

The vote of the North Easton district was it would be left to the Prudential Committee to act when they deemed it for the best interests of the District.

In the interim there have been three fatalities involving local residents which might have been avoided had there been street lights at th location of the accidents.

Our regular meetings have been held on the first Tuesday of each month in the town offices at 8:00 P. M. Several special meetings have been held and we have also held public hearings on various proposals which have been brought before us.

At our last town meeting the Zoning By-Laws prepared by your Planning Board were adopted by a vote of 198 in the affirmative to 132 in the negative. These By-Laws have been approved by the Attorney General's office and became effective Jan. 1, 1954.

Copies of the Zoning By-Laws may be obtained at the town clerk's office.

The efforts of your board, it is gratifying to know, have been rewarded by the State Association of Selectmen as having written the best report of any town in its class in the State of Massachusetts.

We are grateful to the various departments of the town for the consideration given us by them and extend to all a cordial invitation to any of our meetings during the ensuing year.

WILLIS BUCK, Chairman
R. D. DORGAN
H. T. DARLING
G. H. DeWITT
E. A. CRAIG

Easton Planning Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In the year 1953 there were two hundred seventeen cases of dangerous disease reported to the Board of Health, as follows: Chicken Pox, one hundred thirty-five; Whooping Cough, nineteen; Mumps, thirteen; Measles, one; German Measles, six; Scarlet Fever, nine; Septic Sore Throat, one; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, three; Tuberculosis of Kidney, one; Lobar Pneumonia, two; Meningitis, one; Anterior Poliomyelitis, five; Salmonella, one; Undulant Fever, one; Vaccinia Opthalmia, one; Dog-Bite, eighteen.

There were two deaths from reportable diseases, both Lobar Pneumonia. The total number of deaths of Easton residents was seventy-five, a death rate of 12.01 per thousand, based on a population of 6244, the federal census figures of the year 1950.

The number of births, including stillbirths, was one hundred fifty-seven, a rate of 25.1 per thousand. Of this number, two births occurred in Easton, the rest in hospitals out of town.

The Board provided hospital care for four cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, three at the Bristol County Hospital and one at the Norfolk County Hosiptal. Three of these have now been discharged, with the disease apparently arrested, and one still requires hospital care.

One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was referred to the Veteran's Department, and the patient was admitted to the Veterans' Hospital at Rutland. One other case of a recent resident of Easton was admitted to the Rutland State Sanatorium.

Five cases of Poliomyelitis were hospitalized at the Haynes Memorial Hospital. One of these was a child from Brockton, who was visiting relatives in Easton. Three of these cases have now been discharged, and two still are receiving hospital care. These last two had been placed in tank respirators—iron lungs, so called. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, known as the March-of-Dimes Fund, has been paying for the care of the Poliomyelitis cases.

One case of Vaccinia infection of eyes was treated at the Haynes Hospital, and the patient recovered.

Six sessions were held for the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic, and no case of the disease was reported in the year.

The Dental Hygiene program continues to show good results in the improvement in the dental health of the school children.

The Inspector of Milk reports that annalysis of samples has shown that an excellent product is being sold in Easton.

In 1953, new regulations were drawn up and adopted regarding cesspools and septic tanks and their installation. It is now necessary to obtain a permit for the construction of a cesspool or tank.

Collection of garbage and rubbish is being continued by the new contractors, Harvey and Gonsalves of Highland Street, Easton. Any complaint may be referred to them, which is a tremendous service to the people of Easton.

The Board has been having trouble locating a site for a new town dump, because of State and local regulations prohibiting the use of certain areas. The present dump will be completely filled within the next three years, and the Board of Health would like to go along with the Board of Selectmen in forming a committee to investigate the subject of a public incinerator. This incinerator would be helpful financially in the future in reducing the cost of garbage and rubbish disposal.

Licenses issued by the Board in effect in 1953 were as follows: Milk licenses and permits, one hundred forty-two; Oleomargarine licenses, eighteen; Pasteurization licenses, two; Slaughtering license, one; Non-alcoholic Beverage manufacturing licenses, two; Trailer Camp license (renewal), one;

Funeral Home, one Funeral Director's license, one; Garbage Collectors' licenses, four; Cesspool permits, sixty-five. There were fifty burial permits issued.

We regret the loss of Dr. Brenner, who was Chairman of the Board of Health for the past nine years. He did a very conclusive job in that office. The Board would like to thank Dr. Brenner publicly for leaving the department in very good shape to be taken over by the new Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL DelCOLLIANO, M.D., Chairman
CLYDE A. CRAIG,
GEORGE L. COPELAND,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

To the Board of Health of Easton:

Six sessions were held for the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic in 1953.

Three toxoid treatments were given to seventy-one children, two treatments to twelve, and one treatment to four children, a total of eighty-seven children having these treatments.

Booster doses were given to two hundred seventy-seven children.

The Schick test was given to one hundred thirteen children, and showed nineteen positive and ninety-four negative.

Yours truly,

JACOB BRENNER, M.D.

December 31, 1953.

REPORT OF THE SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health of Easton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

During the year, I have inspected and passed two hundred sixteen carcasses of beef, eighty-six calves and forty-one sheep.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLINTON GOWARD,

Inspector of Slaughtering

December 31, 1953.

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

Board of Health of Easton,

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Milk Inspector for the year 1953, this being the thirty-first in a series of annual reports by me.

During the year, 107 samples of milk were collected from local and out of town dealers who sell milk in Easton. These samples of milk were tested for the percentage of butterfat, solids not fat, total solids, sediment, and plated for bacterial counts.

The farms on which this milk was produced locally were also inspected, and the herds, barns, milkrooms and utensils checked.

Licenses issued to stores for sale of oleomargarine numbered 16, milk licenses issued for vehicles numbered 16, and store and restaurant licenses for sale of milk and cream numbered 29.

Analysis of milk samples has shown that an excellent product is being sold in Easton.

Inspection of dairies has revealed compliances with state regulations in most cases. After suggestions from the milk inspector, the comparatively few dairies where regulations were not complied with have now conformed. Generally producers and dealers are making an effort to produce high quality milk and have been very co-operative. Our average low counts and high butterfat are evidence that a quality product has been sold in Easton.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO J. FITZPATRICK,

Inspector of Milk

Dec. 31, 1953.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Easton:

This office firmly believes in rehabilitation and will do everything possible to procure necessary medical attention so that recipients who are receiving aid because of illness can be taken care of in a manner that will make them self supporting. This type of aid is often referred to as "Temporary Aid" and therefore should only be temporary, and every effort made to rehabilitate persons needing hospitalization or medication.

The following is a detailed report of the temporary aid granted during the year 1953.

GENERAL RELIEF

Total cases residing in Easton for year 1953 10

Case No.		
1	closed to D.A.	$21.66
2	closed to D.A.	469.38
3		260.80
4		924.21
5	closed	110.83
6	closed	9.98
7	closed	645.34
8	closed	31.98
9		21.00
10	closed	55.00
		$2,550.18

Cases closed in Easton during the year	7
Cases open in Easton, end of year	3

WELFARE COSTS

	Cases	Amount
Cases residing in Easton	10	$2,550.18
Cases residing other Cities and Towns	10	1,802.23
Total Relief Granted	20	$4,352.41
Agent's Salary	$900.00	
Telephone and Tolls	74.01	
Total Administration Expense		974.01
		$5,326.42

SUMMARY

Appropriation	$9,000.00
Expended	5,326.42
Unexpended Balance	$3,673.58

WELFARE RECEIPTS

Cities and Towns	$1,290.56

SUMMARY

Appropriation	$9,000.00	
Welfare Total Costs	5,326.42	
Unexpended Balance	$3,673.58	
Receipts	1,290.56	
Unexpended Balance and Receipts to General Fund		$4,964.14

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. WOOD, Chairman
LEWIS R. MASON
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

WELFARE DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND, 1953

O.A.A. Unexpended Town Appropriation	$1,041.01
O.A.A. State Grants	50,860.59
O.A.A. Cities and Towns	2,426.28
O.A.A. Meal Tax	2,813.44
A.D.C. Unexpended Town Appropriation	9,865.71
A.D.C. State Grants	5,717.27
D.A. Unexpended Town Appropriation	664.92
D.A. State Grants	1,337.14
D.A. State Grant Adm.	27.30
G.R. Unexpended Town Appropriation	3,673.58
G.R. Cities and Towns	1,290.56
O.A.A. Adm. Town Unexpended Appropriation	19.42
D.A. Adm. Town Unexpended Appropriation	59.39
A.D.C. Adm. Town Unexpended Appropriation	75.82
Total Amount to the General Fund	$79,872.43

REPORT OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

To the Citizens of Easton:

The State Office has ruled that a very close check be kept on this type of assistance. All cases on Aid to Dependent Children will have to be visited at least once a month, and be under constant supervision at all times. We are very fortunate that the case load on this category is being reduced and also fortunate that the majority of our cases will not present serious difficulty. The rigid check that the State now requires has more or less been in effect in this community for some time, and because of the close co-operation of the Police Department with this office, we have been able to procure better results than many other communities. This is especially true in the case of deserting husbands, who are being forced to contribute to their families' support through court orders which result could not have been obtained without the help of the above department.

The following is a case load and financial accounting for this type of assistance.

	Cases	Recipients
January 1, 1953	12	38
Added during year	4	14
Total	16	52
Closed during year	6	21
Cases open, end of year	10	31

Aid to Dependent Children Expenditures

Cases	Recipients	
16	52	$15,436.69

Aid to Dependent Children Receipts

Federal Grant Balance, January 1, 1953		$16,721.67
Federal Grants received during 1953		7,327.00
State Grants received during 1953		5,717.27
Total Receipts		$29,765.94

Summary

Appropriation for 1953		$20,000.00
Federal Balance January 1 ,1953		16,721.67
Federal Grants for 1953		7,327.00
State Grants for 1953		5,717.27
		$49,765.94
Total Cost		15,436.69
		34,329.25
Unexpended Town Appropriation	$9,865.71	
State Grants	5,717.27	
Transferred to General Fund		15,582.98
Federal Grant Balance on hand December 31, 1953		$18,746.27

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. WOOD
LEWIS R. MASON
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of Easton:

Disability Assistance is only granted to persons, 18 years of age and over who are permanently and totally disabled. A Medical report is filled out by a physician and sent to the State office, and they in turn refere it to the Medical Report of Review, who after carefully checking same, notify this office of its approval or disapproval. All decisions are made by the Medical Board of Review, and not this office. This Medical Board also classifies recipients into two different groups.

This type of assistance is now entering into its third year, and there is no settlement connected with it, which means that no aid given can be charged to any other City or Town where the receipient might have a settlement.

Disability Assistance applications received 1953	5
Disability Assistance Granted 1953	3
Disability Assistance application pending	2
Disability Assistance cases January 1, 1953	2
Disability Assistance granted 1953	3
Total Disability Assistance cases for year	5

Expenditures

Direct Grant to Recipients	$3,010.40	
Extra Grants	1,324.68	
Total		$4,335.08

Receipts

Federal Grants Received 1953	$1,565.74	
State Grants Received 1953	1,337.14	
State Grant for Administration for 1953	27.30	
Total Receipts		$2,930.18

Summary

Appropriation for 1953	$5,000.00	
Federal Grant on hand January 1, 1953	644.32	
Federal Grant received 1953	1,565.74	
State Grant received 1953	1,364.44	
		8,574.50
Total Cost		$4,335.08
		$4,239.42
Unexpended Town Appropriation	$664.92	
State Grants	1,364.44	
Transferred to General Fund		$2,029.36
Federal Grant Balance on hand December 31, 1953		$2,210.06

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. WOOD, Chairman
LEWIS R. MASON
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of Easton:

Beginning January 1, 1954 a new medical plan was put into effect.

We believe that the placing of liens on property owned by Old Age Assistance recipients has a tendency to keep many from applying.

We are submitting a statement to show how your money was spent.

Applications received during 1953	19
Old Age Assistance granted	19
Applications denied	0
Old Age Assistance cases residing in Easton January 1, 1953	143
Old Age Assistance Easton cases added during year	19
Old Age Assistance cases residing other cities and towns	24
Total Old Age Assistance cases for 1953	186
Old Age Assistance cases closed during year	21
Total Old Age Assistance cases open end of year	165

Old Age Assistance Expenditures

Direct Payments to Recipients	$117,698.64
Extra Payments	13,401.74
Paid other Cities and Towns	2,634.55
Agent's Salary	2,580.00
Total Cost	$136,314.93

Old Age Assistance Receipts

Federal Grant Balances on hand January 1, 1953	$41,846.91
Federal Grant received during 1953	55,939.67
State Grant received during 1953	50,860.59
Other Cities and Towns	2,426.28
Meal Tax	2,813.44
Total Receipts	$153,886.89

SUMMARY

Appropriations for 1953		$81,540.00
Federal Grant Balance on hand January 1, 1953		41,846.91
Federal Grant received during 1953		55,939.67
State Grant received during 1953		50,860.59
Other Cities and Towns		2,426.28
Meal Tax		2,813.44
		$235,426.89
Total Costs		136,314.93
		$ 99,111.96
Unexpended Town Appropriation	$ 1,041.01	
Cities and Towns	2,426.28	
State Grants	50,860.59	
Meal Tax	2,813.44	
Transferred to General Fund		$57,141.32
Federal Grant Balance on hand December 31, 1953		$41,970.64

Following is a list of physicians who attended Old Age Assistance recipients.

	1952			1953		
	Patients	Visits	Paid	Patients	Visits	Paid
Dr. Brenner	42	201	$ 781.00	36	263	$1,074.00
Dr. Gray	18	227	889.00	14	191	730.00
Dr. Jacoubs				17	161	615.00
Dr. Porter	8	91	376.00	10	59	234.00
Dr. Stevenson	33	356	1,420.00	29	464	1,697.00
Other	17	133	470.00	25	181	675.00
Total	118	1,008	$3,936.00	131	1,319	$5,025.00
Podiatrists	7	26	88.00	9	37	141.00
Town Physician			800.00			5,966.00
(O.A.A.-A.D.C.-G.R.- D.A.-Vet.)			$4,824.00			$5,966.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. WOOD, Chairman
LEWIS R. MASON
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST

MARGARET E. HARVEY, Agent

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I herewith submit my report of the financial transactions, by departments, of the town of Easton for the year ending December 31, 1953.

JOHN I. LOWNDES,

Town Accountant

Town Officers Salaries

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$9,015.00
Selectmen	$1,300.00	
Board of Public Welfare	1,600.00	
Board of Health	600.00	
Assessors	2,350.00	
Town Clerk	800.00	
Tax Collector	1,260.00	
Town Treasurer	1,080.00	
Moderator	25.00	
		9,015.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Town Office

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$1,700.00
Rent	$960.00	
Light	158.51	
Supplies	5.10	
Janitor Service	400.00	
Insurance	7.97	
All Other	3.23	
		1,534.81
Unexpended Balance		$165.19

Selectmen's Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$300.00	
From Reserve	24.55	
		$324.55
Books	$37.75	
Stationery, Printing, Postage	37.20	
Transportation, Meals, etc.	150.00	
Telephone	57.10	
Association Dues	41.00	
All other	1.50	
		324.55
Unexpended Balance		.00

Town Accountant's Salary

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$1,500.00
John I. Lowndes	1,500.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Town Accountant's Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$375.00
Supplies	$13.25	
Clerical Help	118.91	
Dues	3.00	
New Adding Machine	223.30	
		358.46
Unexpended Balance		$16.54

Town Treasurer's Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$1,600.00
Assistant	$600.00	
Surety Bonds	287.20	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	187.13	
All Other	56.76	
		1,131.09
Unexpended Balance		$468.91

Tax Collector's Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$2,600.00
Assistant	$1,300.00	
Surety Bonds	439.75	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	654.25	
All Other	205.25	
		2,599.25
Unexpended Balance		.75

Assessor's Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953		2,217.00
William McFarland	$1,600.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	278.80	
Auto Hire	50.00	
All Other	259.37	
		2,188.17
Unexpended Balance		$28.83

Legal Services

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$800.00
Richard J. Hatchfield	800.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Legal Services Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$200.00
Expended	200.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Town Clerk's Expense

Appropriation March 3, 1954	$1,000.00	
From Reserve	225.00	
		$1,225.00
Assistant	700.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	338.68	

Surety Bond	7.00	
All other including telephone	178.96	
		1,224.64
Unexpended Balance		$.36

Election Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$700.00
Election Officers	$368.25	
Police at Polls	34.50	
Janitors	24.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	129.00	
All other	82.44	
		638.19
Unexpended Balance		$61.81

Registration Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$700.00
Labor and Transportation	$381.78	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	236.03	
All other	2.24	
		620.05
Unexpended Balance		$79.95

Registrars' Salaries

Appropriation March 3, 1953		$225.00
John J. Galvin	$75.00	
Sigfred V. Ledin	75.00	
Michael J. Canty	75.00	
		225.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Police Department

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$20,410.00	
From Reserve	599.58	
		$21,009.58
Herbert S. Berglund, Chief	$4,042.50	
Herbert S. Berglund, Keeper of lock up	200.00	
George A. Pierson, Patrolman	3,572.50	
Frederick Anderson	3,150.00	

Joel A. Johnson	3,472.50	
Carl A. Palm	3,472.50	
William Van Wormer	25.20	
Gas and Oil	766.37	
Auto Repairs	275.92	
Telephone	289.05	
Equipment and repairs	900.75	
Fuel and Light	288.66	
Building and Grounds	39.42	
Insurance	197.45	
All other	200.94	
		20,893.76
Unexpended Balance		$115.82

Police Car Purchase

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$1,250.00
Expended	896.00
Unexpended Balance	$354.00

Fire Department

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$17,765.00
Arthur W. Bailey	$875.00	
George T. Anderson	183.50	
Harold E. Anderson	173.00	
Forrest Bailey	187.50	
Harold Bailey	6.50	
D. Brown	2.00	
Raymond Buck	230.00	
Oscar Conceison	245.83	
Joseph M. Correia	170.00	
R. Cushman	2.00	
W. Larson	2.00	
George C. Field	213.50	
William Flynn	346.00	
Joseph Fuller	172.50	
William Furlong	217.00	
Clement Gill	187.75	
R. Gill	2.00	
Louis Gomes	80.00	
J. Frank Heal	156.50	
Duncan Henderson	210.50	

James Hewitt	155.50	
George Hewlett	159.50	
C. Dwight Hill	277.50	
Richard Holmes	1.00	
Alfred Jermolovich	169.50	
Frank Kinsley	1.50	
G. Larson	2.00	
Bernard Leary	66.50	
Francis J. Lordan	72.00	
William Lordan	159.50	
Edward J. Lyons	171.50	
Wallace McCann	338.63	
Robert Melin	178.50	
Robert Mitchell	210.50	
James D. Mullen Jr.	251.00	
Stephen Nolan	127.50	
Robert O'Leary	3.00	
Fred Olin	166.50	
Manuel Santos	168.50	
Frederick Shaw	167.50	
A. Silva	2.00	
John Silva	2.00	
Fred Stone	1.50	
George Stone	354.00	
Robert Stone	326.50	
Alvin Straight	309.00	
Albin Swanson	175.00	
Arthur Tufts	198.00	
Philip Wilde	4.50	
Vernon E. Willis	166.50	
William Yaskonis	186.50	
Jerry Umbach	2.50	
Francis Welch	2.50	
		8,241.21
Fire Alarm maintenance	81.82	
Allowance for Car	200.00	
Supplies, including hose	4,558.79	
Gasoline and Oil	439.95	
Repairs	816.93	
Fuel	854.81	
Light	339.04	
Repairs, Building and Grounds	265.61	
Stationery, Printing, Postage	58.75	
Telephone	432.31	
Insurance	631.54	

All Other	110.82	
		17,031.58
Unexpended Balance		$733.42

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$300.00
John A. Gustafson	$286.46	
Insurance	13.54	
		300.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$200.00
Francis J. Reardon		200.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Dog Officer's Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$50.00
Expended		50.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Civilian Defense

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$2,000.00	
Balance January 1, 1953	383.87	
		$2,383.87
Expended		837.99
Unexpended Balance January 1, 1954		$1,545.88

Moth Department

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$2,860.00
Francis L. Lordan	$343.00	
Daniel B. Amorim	290.00	
Equipment	141.45	
Insecticide	1,787.20	
All other including insurance	261.49	
Gas and Oil	35.86	
		2,859.00
Unexpended Balance		$1.00

Tree Department

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$7,555.00
Francis L. Lordan	$2,556.42	
Daniel B. Amorim	2,022.72	
Joseph S. Azevedo	282.82	
Edward Conceison	270.50	
Wallace McCann	2.03	
Charles Slavin	2.03	
Philip Wilde	2.03	
Hixon Tree Company	531.25	
Gas and Oil	146.18	
Equipment and Repairs	938.62	
Insurance	507.48	
All other	281.13	
		7,543.21
Unexpended Balance		$11.79

Dutch Elm Control

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$3,200.00
Francis L. Lordan	$379.75	
Daniel B. Amorim	105.85	
Joseph Azevedo	264.60	
Hixon Tree Co.	2,000.00	
Gas and Oil	21.85	
All other	399.29	
		3,171.34
Unexpended Balance		$28.66

Salary of Forest Warden

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$300.00
Arthur W. Bailey	300.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$300.00
J. Clinton Goward	300.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Health Department

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$13,700.00
Clerk's Salary	$450.00	
Administration Expenses	420.87	
Contagious Diseases:		
Board and treatment	718.40	
Medicine and medical attendance	388.50	
Tuberculosis Board and treatment	937.50	
Vital Statistics	11.75	
Collection of Rubbish	6,000.00	
Collection of Garbage	2,700.00	
School clinics	553.70	
Slaughtering	329.30	
Milk Inspector and Supplies	197.00	
All other	566.05	
		13,273.07
Unexpended Balance		$426.93

Hire of Nurses

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$1,000.00
Expended	1,000.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Highway Department

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$50,000.00	
Less Transfer to Chapter 90	2,000.00	
Available	48,000.00	
Balance January 1, 1953, Ames Fund	29.24	
Income Ames Fund 1953	29,920.76	
Total Available Funds		$77,950.00
Russell W. Jones	$3,584.00	
Francis P. Brophy	2,481.34	
Thomas C. Brophy	2,285.20	
Joaquin Garcia	2,770.97	
Alfred E. Jermolovich	2,421.35	
John W. Lewis	2,457.11	
William H. Litchfield	2,547.81	
Winslow P. MacDonald	2,666.20	

Robert W. O'Neill	2,526.74	
Harding C. Reynolds	3,469.86	
Henry J. Scriven	2,506.39	
Chester E. Styren	2,574.00	
Vernon E. Willis	1,529.58	
Edward J. McKenna	1,647.00	
Arthur Anderson	17.55	
Joseph J. Azevedo	205.20	
Carleton Thompson	6.00	
William Flynn Jr.	6.00	
Joseph C. Haskell	27.00	
Stanley Jones	330.70	
Francis L. Lordan	313.66	
Hilton Nordbeck Jr.	1,042.00	
Howard Poole	72.00	
David Welch	6.00	
Vernon S. White	244.35	
Russell W. Willis	438.62	
Water Wolok	2.70	
		38,179.33
General Administration Expenses	361.85	
Gas and Oil	3,011.73	
Sand, Stone, Gravel	2,316.11	
Insurance	3,739.22	
Equipment and Repairs	9,495.94	
Paint, Lumber, Cement, etc.	1,016.01	
Tarvia	10,834.06	
Fuel Oil, Kerosene	421.82	
Light and Power:		
Garage	281.68	
Traffic	325.35	
Street Painting and Signs	239.71	
Snow:		
Hired Equipment	1,096.00	
Repairs	2,258.27	
Salt and Sand	2,535.28	
Improvements to Garage	80.59	
Hired Equipment	602.00	
All other	985.11	
		77,780.06
Unexpended Balance Ames High Fund Income carried to January 1, 1954		$169.94

Chapter 90 Maintenance

From Highway Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Due from State	2,000.00	
Due from County	2,000.00	
Total Available		$6,000.00
Russell W. Jones	80.00	
Francis P. Brophy	162.00	
Thomas C. Brophy	156.20	
Joaquin Garcia	151.20	
Alfred E. Jermolovich	140.40	
John W. Lewis	129.60	
William H. Litchfield	129.60	
Winslow P. MacDonald	140.80	
Robert W. O'Neill	140.40	
Harding C. Reynolds	180.00	
Henry J. Scriven	140.40	
Chester E. Styren	151.20	
Edward J. McKenna	32.40	
Hilton Nordbeck Jr.	124.20	
Russell V. Willis	86.40	
Materials and Equipment	3,655.34	
		5,600.14
Unexpended Balance		$399.86

Chapter 90 Construction 1952

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1953		$5,664.59
Expended	$2,863.50	
Transferred to Highway Revenue	2,232.65	
		5,096.15
Balance, January 1, 1954		$568.44

Highway Department Truck

Appropriated March 2, 1953	$6,500.00	
Transfer from E. & D.	3,000.00	
Total available		$9,500.00
Expended		9,296.77
Unexpended Balance		$203.23

Dailey Avenue

Balance, January 1, 1953	$1.00	
Appropriated, March 2, 1953	4,500.00	
Total available		$4,501.00
Russell W. Jones	$240.00	
Francis P. Brophy	223.20	
Thomas C. Brophy	235.20	
Joaquin Garcia	177.40	
Alfred E. Jermolovich	218.03	
John W. Lewis	172.80	
William H. Litchfield	183.60	
Winslow P. MacDonald	226.10	
Robert W. O'Neill	172.80	
Harding C. Reynolds	211.20	
Henry J. Scriven	218.03	
Chester E. Styren	172.80	
Vernon E. Willis	113.40	
Materials and Equipment	1,921.44	
Total		4,486.00
Unexpended		$15.00

Tyson Road

Appropriated March 2, 1953		$1,000.00
Francis P. Brophy	$54.00	
Thomas C. Brophy	56.00	
Joaquim Garcia	54.00	
Alfred E. Jermolovich	58.05	
John W. Lewis	54.00	
Hilton L. Nordbeck, Jr.	16.20	
Material and Equipment	706.15	
Total Expended		998.40
Unexpended Balance		$1.60

Western Avenue

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$2,500.00
Russell W. Jones	$160.00	
Francis P. Brophy	114.00	
Thomas C. Brophy	67.20	

Joaquim Garcia	98.00	
Alfred E. Jermolovich	54.00	
John W. Lewis	54.00	
William H. Litchfield	101.25	
Winslow P. MacDonald	116.20	
Robert W. O'Neill	55.35	
Harding C. Reynolds	69.30	
Henry J. Scriven	54.00	
Chester E. Styren	54.00	
Vernon E. Willis	54.00	
Material and Equipment	1,374.88	
Total Spent		2,426.18
Unexpended		$73.82

Pine Lane

Appropriated March 2, 1953	$1,000.00
Expended	.00
Balance, January 1, 1954	$1,000.00

Drainage, Seaver and Main

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$5,000.00
Russell W. Jones	$80.00	
Francis P. Brophy	59.40	
Thomas C. Brophy	72.80	
Joaquim Garcia	48.64	
Alfred E. Jermolovich	124.24	
John W. Lewis	127.65	
William H. Litchfield	83.72	
Winslow P. MacDonald	95.20	
Robert W. O'Neill	82.81	
Harding C. Reynolds	66.00	
Henry J. Scriven	88.43	
Vernon E. Willis	16.20	
Hilton Nordbeck, Jr.	135.04	
Ralph Rockwell	21.60	
Russell V. Willis	116.85	
Material and equipment	810.51	
Total Spent		2,029.09
Unexpended Balance		$2,970.91

Removal of Sidewalk (Sheridan St. and Coughlin Road)

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$600.00
Equipment Hire	$9.00	
Total Expended		9.00
Unexpended Balance		$591.00

Poquanticut Ave. Widening and Construction

Balance, January 1, 1953	$200.00
Expended	.00
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1954	$200.00

Public Welfare

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$9,000.00
Expended	5,326.42
Unexpended Balance	$3,673.58

Old Age Assistance Federal Funds

Balance January 1, 1953	$41,846.91	
Transfer from O.A.A. Recovery Acct.	545.00	
Income 1953, Federal Grants	55,392.67	
Available Funds		$97,784.58
Expended		55,813.94
		$41,970.64

Old Age Assistance Town Funds

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$81,540.00
Expended	80,498.99
Unexpended Balance	$1,041.01

Old Age Assistance Administration Federal Funds

Balance January 1, 1953	$4,240.16	
Federal Funds	3,528.42	
Available Funds		$7,768.58
Social Worker	$1,497.50	
Social Service Index	14.25	
Equipment and Supplies	335.44	
P.O. Box rent	2.40	
		1,849.59
Balance January 1, 1954		$5,918.99

Aid to Dependent Children Town Funds

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$20,000.00
Expended	10,134.29
	$9,865.71

Aid to Dependent Children Federal Funds

Balance January 1, 1953	$16,721.67	
Federal Grants	7,327.00	
Available Funds		$24,048.67
Expended		5,302.40
Balance January 1, 1954		$18,746.27

Aid to Dependent Children Administration Town Funds

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$100.00
Expended	24.18
Unexpended Balance	$75.82

Aid to Dependent Children Administration Federal Funds

Balance January 1, 1953	$825.41	
Federal Grants	577.55	
Available Funds		$1,402.96
Social Worker		1,205.00
Balance January 1, 1954		$197.96

Disability Assistance

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$5,000.00
Expended		4,335.08
Unexpended Balance		$664.92

Disability Assistance Administration Town Funds

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$75.00
Expended		15.61
Unexpended Balance		$59.39

Disability Assistance Federal Funds

Balance January 1 ,1953	$644.32	
Federal Grants 1953	1,565.74	
		$2,210.06
Expended		.00
Unexpended Balance		$2,210.06

Disability Assistance Administration Federal Funds

Balance January 1, 1953	$11.04	
Federal Grant 1953	54.62	
Available Funds		$65.66
Expended		.00
Balance January 1, 1954		$65.66

Town Physician

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$800.00
Dr. Michael Del Colliano		800.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Child Welfare and Pre School Nursing

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$1,000.00
Clarabel A. Powell	$500.00	
Ellen A. Atwood	500.00	
		1,000.00
Unexpended Balance		.00

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$10,000.00
Expended	9,808.34
Unexpended Balance	$191.66

Director of Veterans' Services

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$1,200.00
Jeremiah J. Reardon	1,200.00
Unexpended Balance	.00

Veterans' Services Expenses

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$200.00
Sundry Expenses	191.47
Unexpended Balance	$8.53

Finance Committee Expense

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$100.00	
From Reserve	11.45	
Available Funds		$111.45
Sundry Expenses		111.45
Unexpended Balance		.00

Easton Planning Board

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$300.00
Expended	132.70
Unexpended Balance	$167.30

Incidentals

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$150.00	
From Reserve	34.84	
		$184.84
Expended		184.84
Unexpended Balance		.00

Memorial and Armistice Days

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$500.00
Music	$275.00	
Wreaths	22.25	
Flags and Markers	105.00	
All other	36.35	
		438.60
Unexpended Balance		$61.40

Numbering Streets

Balance January 1953	$250.00
Expended	.00
Unexpended Balance January 1, 1954	$250.00

Town Reports

Appropriation March 2, 1953		$1,533.70
Advertising on Bids	$13.50	
Printing and Binding	1,437.70	
Delivery	60.00	
		1,511.20
Unexpended		$22.50

Street Lights

Balance, January 1, 1953	$8,900.00
Expended 1953	.00
Balance January 1, 1954	$8,900.00

Cemeteries and Grass Plots

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$500.00	
Trust Income Balance January 1, 1953	153.93	
Income 1953	580.68	
Available Funds		$1,234.61
Chester Styren	$54.00	
Francis P. Brophy	54.00	
Thomas C. Brophy	56.00	

Alfred E. Jermolovich	54.00	
Robert W. O'Neill	54.00	
John W. Lewis	54.00	
Henry J. Scriven	54.00	
William H. Litchfield	54.00	
Winslow P. MacDanold	56.00	
Joaquin Garcia	54.00	
Equipment and Supplies	433.85	
Insurance	114.79	
Special Payments from Cemetery Funds to:		
South Easton Cemetery Corporation	8.68	
Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation	54.43	
Immaculate Conception Corporation	5.80	
Furnace Village Cemetery	58.96	
		1,220.51
Balance carried to January 1, 1954		$14.10

Interest on Notes

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$300.00	
From Reserve	173.95	
Available Funds		$473.95
Expended		473.95
Unexpended Balance		.00

Reserve Fund

Transferred from Overlay Reserve		$3,000.00
Transferred to:		
Town Clerk's Expense	$225.00	
Selectmen's Expense	24.55	
Interest on Notes	173.95	
Finance Committee Ex.	11.45	
Police	599.58	
Incidentals	34.84	
		1,069.37
Transferred to Overlay Reserve		$1,930.63

School Department

Appropriation March 2, 1953	$268,707.39	
Appropriation March 2, 1953 (Athletics)	2,000.00	

Oliver Ames School Income Fund:		
Balance January 1, 1953	506.61	
Receipts, 1953	23,695.88	
Receipts from Oakes Ames Income Fund	3,559.91	
Federal Funds for Vocational Household Arts Teacher	2,291.60	
Available Funds		$300,761.39

Teachers' Salaries:

	Present Annual Salary	Amount Paid in 1953
Gilbert C. Mann	$6,250.00	$5,883.36
Peter C. McConarty	5,000.00	985.85
Vernon A. Schnare		4,125.78
Rene Audette	2,900.00	952.14
E. Elizabeth Barrows	3,700.00	3,633.28
Alfred F. Breen	2,950.00	1,019.28
John R. Byrne	3,400.00	3,445.92
Marjorie L. Carey	2,700.00	900.00
Veronica E. Carter	3,550.00	3,449.92
Margaret E. Dineen	3,650.00	3,550.00
Henry K. Dooley	2,950.00	983.28
Evelyn Foster	3,850.00	3,676.00
John Hanlon		531.50
Kathryn E. Healey	3,550.00	3,449.92
Adelaide W. Johnson	3,750.00	3,650.00
Robert D. King	2,000.00	3,104.64
Charles E. MacLeod	3,150.00	1,870.25
John C. Mason	3,950.00	4,033.51
Valentine Muscato	3,100.00	481.32
Barbara Nickerson	3,650.00	3,550.00
Edward F. O'Brien	2,900.00	1,009.97
Karen M. Quinn	2,800.00	933.28
Herbert J. Rollins	3,500.00	3,400.00
Eleanor Stinchfield	3,550.00	3,449.92
Shirley Tufts	3,550.00	3,200.00
Sylvia Vellante	3,300.00	3,233.36
William A. Vellante	4,150.00	3,983.28
Johann G. McFadden	4,000.00	3,866.64
Priscilla H. Bowden	2,800.00	2,655.55
Mary M. Buckley	3,350.00	3,250.00
Raylene B. Carlson	3,550.00	3,449.92
Doris M. Cullen	3,350.00	1,116.64

Rita L. Curry	2,600.00	861.44
Catherine Q. Dineen	3,350.00	3,250.00
Viola M. Geddes	3,350.00	3,250.00
Olive H. Gurney	3,350.00	3,250.00
June Harvey	3,200.00	3,133.36
Mary V. Harvey	3,350.00	3,020.64
Gertrude B. Hawkes	3,250.00	3,183.28
Doris W. Leach	3,350.00	1,835.00
Frances L. McCarthy	2,800.00	2,733.28
Gretchen Noonan	3,550.00	3,449.92
Jeannette P. Smith	3,550.00	3,436.32
Eleanor M. Biechele	3,425.00	3,325.00
Mary E. Kelleher	3,550.00	1,183.28
Lenore A. Rhodin	3,350.00	3,250.00
Florence H. O'Leary	3,550.00	3,383.28
Ella Bailey	3,350.00	3,250.00
Elouise G. Carlson	3,550.00	3,432.92
Priscilla H. Leighton	3,550.00	3,323.43
Joan E. Nelson	2,600.00	866.64
Esther J. Heath	3,425.00	3,335.00
Anna A. Gilmore	3,350.00	3,253.60
M. Jeannine Lally	2,700.00	2,619.86
Edith V. Goff	3,400.00	3,310.00
Dorothy Galvin	3,300.00	1,100.00
Martha Johnson	3,100.00	3,033.36
Marion A. Holbrook		64.00
Velma Johnston		589.50
Margaret Mason		617.00
Rose Slavitz		370.00
Marion Strom		178.00
Dorothy Tufts		194.57
Marie E. Fitzgerald		1,898.24
Helen Galt		623.00
James C. Galt		2,533.36
Elizabeth M. Garrity		2,200.00
Bernard P. LaCouture		2,066.64
Charles L. Lowder		2,205.64
Vincent J. Mezgelis		2,065.69
Grace P. Mills		2,133.36
Doris P. Robinson		2,259.84
Roger L. Warner		3,250.00
Harriet M. Gibson		25.00
Rinehart Handwriting System		900.00
		$181,068.46

Oakes Ames Payroll		
Gilbert C. Mann	$200.00	
Shirley Tufts	250.00	
Doris W. Leach	1,425.00	
Charles E. MacLeod	1,179.75	
		$3,054.75
Janitors' Wages		
Alfred H. Dahlborg	$2,422.64	
Gustaf R. Nelson	2,655.64	
Ivar G. Miller	2,812.96	
Charles A. Malloy	2,866.72	
Aubrey E. Wry	291.65	
Harry B. Day	1,003.13	
Frank Bennett	554.12	
Alton E. Alger	1,980.36	
Pelham J. Treleaven	72.92	
Percy Irving	16.00	
Thomas Farrell	6.00	
Everett Dunn	1,029.00	
Everett Burrell	273.21	
Carrie M. Smith	1,020.00	
Willis G. Buck	731.68	
John A. Gustafson	7.00	
Alfred E. Dahlborg, Supervisor of Attendance	91.66	
Gustaf R. Nelson, Supervisor of Attendance	18.34	
John A. Gustafson, Maintenance	3,566.64	
Grace M. Murch, Nurse	3,149.92	
Jacob Brenner, Physician	1,057.00	
Gerald F. Gray, Physician	3.00	
S. Lillian Leonard, Clerk	1,406.00	
Evelyn M. Wilde, Supt. Secretary	2,366.72	
Florence Alho, Clerk	579.50	
Office Expense, Supt.	411.45	
Telephone	211.32	
Travelling Expense, Supt.	571.17	
Expenses of Principals, Supv. and Teachers	384.06	
Textbooks	4,090.70	
Supplies, Instructional	7,598.54	
Supplies, Athletic	2,000.00	
Fuel	8,716.03	
Janitors' Supplies	3,057.72	

Water	322.00	
Electricity	2,724.44	
Miscellaneous	778.58	
Repairs	11,943.92	
Furniture and Furnishings	4,435.37	
Library	890.39	
Health, Transportation	350.00	
Health Supplies	72.68	
Transportation	18,881.15	
Tuition, Elementary	320.34	
Sundries, General	885.38	
Graduation	195.26	
Insurance	4,718.87	
Permanent Improvement	3,129.17	
New Equipment	5,270.77	
Household Arts	388.65	
Trade School Tuition	2,466.01	
Trade School Transportation	954.45	
Trans. Bristol County Agricultural School	276.85	
Total Expended		$300,151.28
Balance Oliver Ames School Fund, Jan. 1, 1954		$610.11

School Lunch

Balance January 1, 1953	$943.73	
Receipts	24,299.87	
Total Available		$25,243.60
Elva Bailey	$1,308.00	
Leslie Gustafson	1,220.00	
Bessie Hayward	1,214.00	
Nellie Foster	859.00	
Eva Christman	210.00	
Alton Alger	130.60	
Mary Wood	57.00	
Bena Rollins	364.00	
Alice Sweeney	330.00	
Elton Hayward	7.20	
Frank Bennett	98.00	
Supplies—Other Expenditures	18,486.26	
Expended		$24,284.06
Balance carried to January 1, 1954		959.54

Atheletics Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 1953	$13.54	
Receipts	1,162.37	
Available Funds		$1,175.91
Expenditures		1,175.43
Unexpended Balance		.48

School Building Construction

Balance January 1, 1953	$322,963.28	
From Excess & Deficiency	5,000.00	
Sales of Bonds	70,000.00	
Total Available		$397,963.28
Expended		338,907.11
Unexpended Balance		$59,056.17

Vocational Education

Balance carried forward to January 1, 1954	$1,203.40

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Aid to Dependent Children

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$5,717.27

Disability Assistance

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$1,337.14

Health Department

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	$911.49	
Trailer Camp License (renewal)	.50	
Non Alcoholic Beverage License	40.00	
Slaughtering License	25.00	
Pasteurization License	10.00	
Milk and Oleomargarine Licenses	31.00	
Denatured Alcohol License	1.00	
Cesspool Permits	124.00	
Sale of old Typewriter	25.00	
		$1,167.99

Highway Department

Machinery Hire		$14.00

Incidentals

Licenses		$3,535.50

Old Age Assistance

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$49,879.64	
City of Boston	114.21	
City of Brockton	1,093.41	
City of New Bedford	23.10	
City of Quincy	2.80	
City of Worcester	84.58	
Town of Avon	251.40	
Town of Berkley	379.77	
Town of Canton	233.72	
Town of Foxborough	96.98	
Town of Mansfield	47.42	
Town of Stoughton	19.60	
Town of Whitman	59.29	
		$52,305.92

Public Welfare

City of Brockton	$321.52	
Town of Westwood	969.04	
		$1,290.56

Planning Board

Fees		$6.50

Police Department

First District Court of Bristol County	$266.65	
Revolver Permits	27.00	
Ambulance Hire	56.00	
		$349.65

Registrars of Voters

Sale of Street Lists	$25.00

School Department

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$5,364.86	
Tuition	216.68	
Misc. Receipts	181.01	
		$5,762.55

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Fees	$202.65

Tree Department

Labor & Materials	$157.80

Tax Collector

Fees	$694.60	
Statement of Tax Liens	15.00	
		$709.60

Town Clerk

Fees	$1,186.85

Veterans Benefits

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$5,833.15

Departmental Accounts Receivable

Moth Department		
Sundry Persons		$25.00
Tree Department		
Sundry Persons		$31.80
Health Department		
Sundry Persons		208.50
Welfare Department		
Town of Princeton		168.00
A. D. C. State		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		$1,712.26
Old Age Assistance Cities & Towns		
City of Boston	116.65	
City of Cambridge	28.44	
City of Lynn	74.55	
		$219.64
School		
Sundry Persons		$116.49
		$2,481.69

BALANCE SHEET—December 31, 1953

ASSETS		
Cash		
General	$294,792.05	
Special	15,926.85	
		$310,718.90
Accounts Receivable		
Town Taxes		
Levy of 1952	$8,784.90	
Levy of 1953	32,026.47	
		$40,811.37
Motor Vehicle Tax of 1952		257.86
Motor Vehicle Tax of 1953		4,563.21
Town Tax Titles		2,681.53
Town Tax Possessions		616.44
Departmental Accounts Receivable		
Tree	$31.80	
Moth	25.00	
Health	208.50	
Welfare	168.00	
A. D. C. State	1,712.26	
O. A. A. Cities & Towns	219.64	
Schools	116.49	
		$2,481.69
State Aid to Highways		2,400.55
County Aid to Highways		2,200.27
Overlay, 1953		236.67
State Parks and Reservations		270.62
Bristol County T. B. Hospital		292.33
Chapter 90 Maintenance 1953		3,600.14

LIABILITIES		
Tailings		$74.14
State & County Aid to Highways Revenue		6,232.65
County Tax		2,129.02
Dog Licenses		33.20
Road Machinery		2,676.22
Playground Fund		15,926.85
Schools		
Athletic Fund		.48
Vocational Education Federal		1,203.40
Lunch Program		959.54
Oliver Ames School Fund		610.11
New School Building		59,056.17
Numbering Streets		250.00
Street Lights		8,900.00
Cemeteries—Trust Income		14.10
Civil Defense		1,545.88
Highway Ames Income Fund		169.94
Chapter 90 Construction 1952		568.44
Pine Lane		1,000.00
Poquanticut Ave. Widening & Con.		200.00
Federal Grant Balances		
O. A. A.	$41,970.64	
O. A. A. Adm.	5,918.99	
A. D. C.	18,746.27	
A. D. C. Adm.	197.96	
D. A.	2,210.06	
D. A. Adm.	65.66	
O. A. A. Recovery Acct.	2,375.70	
		$71,485.28
Overlay Reserve		$6,504.54
Overlay for Abatement of Taxes		

		Levy of 1951	$1,731.38	
		Levy of 1952	5,670.90	
				$7,402.28
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected		
		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		$4,821.07
		Town Tax Titles		2,681.53
		Town Tax Possessions		616.44
		Departmental		2,481.69
		Surplus Revenue in Excess & Deficiency Account		173,588.61
	$371,131.58			$371,131.58

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$409,000.00	School Loan	$2,000.00	
		Municipal Garage Loan	20,000.00	
		1952 School Const. Loan	317,000.00	
		1953 School Const. Loan	70,000.00	
				$409,000.00
Accounts Receivable		Revenue Pledge to Districts when Collected:		
N.E. District Taxes	$666.52	N. E. Dist. Revenue		$666.52
N.E. District Tax Titles	13.48	N. E. Dist. Tax Titles		13.48
S.E. & E. Dist. Taxes	672.33	S. E. & E. Dist. Revenue		672.33
S.E. & E. Tax Titles	17.76	S. E. & E. Tax Title Revenue		17.76
S.E. & E. Tax Possessions	2.70	S. E. & E. Tax Possessions Revenue		2.70
Unionville Dist. Taxes	361.71	Unionville Dist. Revenue		361.71
Unionville Dist. Tax Titles	54.43	Unionville Dist. Tax Title Revenue		54.43
Easton Center Dist. Taxes	199.33	Easton Center Dist. Revenue		199.33
	$1,988.26			$1,988.26

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN I. LOWNDES
Town Accountant.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Finance Committee concerning the Articles in the Town Warrant for the Annual Meeting, March 1, 1954.

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Easton will be held in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium on Monday, March 1, 1954.

Raises

This year your Finance Committee was faced with raises as in the past—and have treated these raises a little differently than before. Heretofore we have generally gone along with a percentage straight across the board as a cost of living increase. This year your Committee has weighed each job and has tried to bring about consistency in our suggested raises. In other words, we have not gone along with all the department requests but have recommended raises consistent in our opinion with the work to be done.

School Department

This year the total request for school budget is $305,000.00. The majority of this increase, over $268,000.00 last year is in teachers' salaries, increased number of teachers plus about $11,000.00 for operation of the new school.

Public Health

You will note that this department's request has increased $1,500.00. This is due to the new contract signed on a 3 year basis instead of 1 year for the collection of rubbish and garbage. This means that the cost per month is now $125.00 more than last year and will remain so for three years.

Fire Department

There is an increase in the Fire Department of $1,700.00 due to recommended increases of $50.00 per man in the Fire Department. This raises the call fireman from $150.00 to $200.00 per year.

Your Finance Committee feels that Article #27 should be considered very seriously. As the law now stands you could vote out the complete Board each year and vote in an entirely new Board. This could work a serious hardship on the Town as well as the incumbents. The business of the Selectmen's Office is getting more complicated every year and your Finance Committee feels that each year there should be at least one member left over from the previous committee to guide the new members coming in, 80% of the towns of the Commonwealth do it in this manner.

Your Committee strongly urges you to consider seriously Article #20. At present every full time employee of the Town with the exception of school teachers, gets two week's vacation with pay. If you accept the new general law you will vote to give each employee who has been employed 5 years—3 weeks with pay, and after 10 years' employment—4 weeks with pay.

We bring this to your attention because we feel in our Town if this is voted we will be forced to make extra appropriations to hire extra help to fill in during vacation periods.

Please bring your Town Report to Town Meeting.

ARTICLES IN THE TOWN WARRANT

Article 1. We refer this article to the town meeting.

Article 2. See budget.

Article 3. We recommend the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 4. We recommend the adoption of this article.

Article 5. A stipulated sum for this purpose will be recommended at the town meeting after a study of all the factors involved.

Article 6. We recommend the adoption of this article.

Article 7. We recommend the sum of $3,200 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 8. We recommend the sum of $1,250 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 9. We recommend the sum of $3,000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 10. We recommend the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 11. We recommend the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 12. We refer this article to the town meeting.

Article 13. We refer this article to the town meeting.

Article 14. We refer this article to the town meeting.

Article 15. We recommend the sum of $250 be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 16. We recommend the sum of $1200 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 17. We recommend the sum of $10,000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 18. We recommend the sum of $2500 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 19. We refer this article to the town meeting.

Article 20. We refer this article to the town meeting.

Article 21. We recommend the sum of $40,000 be used for this purpose. This can be done in several ways and we will have a recommendation at the town meeting.

Article 22. We recommend the sum of $6,000 be used for this purpose and will have a definite recommendation as to the method of appropriating this money at the town meeting.

Article 23. We refer this article to the town meeting.

Article 24. We recommend the sum of $7,500 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 25. We recommend the adoption of this article.

Article 26. We recommend the adoption of this article.

Article 27—We recommend the sum of $1,000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 28. We recommend the sum of $600 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 29. We recommend the sum of $2,500 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 30. We refer this article to the town meeting.

We again extend our thanks to the town officials and department heads for their cooperation in the preparation of this budget.

Respectfully submitted,

MERVIN I. BOWDEN
JOSEPH P. CONNELLY
EDGAR A. CRAIG
NORMAN A. DURFEE
T. RUSSELL FOX
WILLIAM J. HANSON
JAMES H. HEALEY
WILLIAM A. KUTCHER
WILLIAM LADD
FRANK D. LEARY
CHARLES F. McCARTHY
NEUBERT B. MORSE
FRANK H. SARGENT, JR.
RICHARD L. SPROUL
HAROLD C. THOMAS

Finance Committee, Town of Easton

TOWN OF EASTON—BUDGET FOR TOWN MEETING 1954

	Appropriated 1953	Expended 1953	Requested 1954	Recommended 1954
Assessors' Expense	$2,217.00	2,188.17	2,217.00	2,217.00
Aid to Dependent Children	20,000.00	(A) 15,436.69	17,000.00	17,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children Adm.	100.00	24.18	100.00	100.00
Care of Cemeteries	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Dog Officer Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Dog Officer's Expense	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Election Expense	700.00	638.19	1,500.00	1,500.00
Finance Committee Expenses	100.00	(B) 111.45	100.00	100.00
Fire Department	17,765.00	17,001.12	19,465.00	19,465.00
Forest Warden's Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
General Relief	9,000.00	(C) 5,326.42	9,000.00	9,000.00
Health Department	13,700.00	13,273.07	15,200.00	15,200.00
Hire of Nurses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Interest on Notes	300.00	(D) 473.95	500.00	500.00
Incidentals	150.00	(E) 184.84	200.00	200.00
Moth Department	2,860.00	2,859.09	2,691.00	2,691.00
Old Age Assistance	81,540.00	(F) 136,314.93	84,100.00	84,100.00
Old Age Assistance Adm.	300.00	280.58	300.00	300.00
Planning Board	300.00	132.70	300.00	300.00
Police Department	20,410.00	(G) 20,893.76	21,590.00	21,590.00
Road Department	50,000.00	(H) 77,780.46	50,000.00	50,000.00
Registrar of Voters' Expense	700.00	620.05	900.00	900.00
Registrar of Voters' Salaries	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00
Rent of Town Offices	1,700.00	1,534.81	1,700.00	1,700.00
Reserve Fund	(A) 3,000.00	1,069.37	(B) 3,000.00	3,000.00
Schools	268,707.39	(I) 295,859.68	305,000.00	305,000.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Selectmens Expense	300.00	(J) 324.55	600.00	600.00
Town Counsel Salary	800.00	800.00	1,200.00	1,200.00

Town Counsel Expense	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Tax Collector's Expense	2,600.00	2,599.25	2,850.00	2,850.00
Town Accountant's Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Town Accountant's Expense	375.00	358.46	300.00	300.00
Town Clerk's Expense	1,000.00	(K) 1,224.64	1,150.00	1,150.00
Town Officers' Salaries	9,015.00	9,015.00	9,015.00	9,015.00
Town Physician	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
Town Reports	1,533.70	1,533.70	As invoiced	
Town Treasurer's Expense	1,600.00	1,131.09	1,700.00	1,700.00
Tree Department	7,555.00	7,543.21	7,700.00	7,700.00
Veteran's Benefits	10,000.00	(L) 9,808.34	14,000.00	14,000.00
Dept. of Veterans Service Sal.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dept. of Veterans Service, Exp.	200.00	191.47	275.00	275.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00	(M) 4,335.08	8,000.00	8,000.00
Disability Assistance Adm.	75.00	15.61	75.00	75.00
Totals	$540,178.09	$636,389.54	$588,503.00	$588,503.00
Articles in Warrant				
Road Dept. Truck	$9,500.00	$9,296.77		
Sidewalk removal-Sheridan St.	600.00	9.00		
Drainage-Seaver St.	5,000.00	2,029.09		
Tyson Road—Repairs	1,000.00	998.40		
Dailey Ave-Complete Repairs	4,500.00	4,486.00		
Western Ave. Complete Repairs	2,500.00	2,426.18		
Pine Lane—Repairs	1,000.00			
Memorial & Armistice Day	500.00	438.60	500.00	500.00
Police Automobile	1,250.00	896.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	3,200.00	3,172.87	3,200.00	3,200.00
School Athletic Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Civilian Defense	2,000.00	837.99		
Increase Tax Collector's Salary			500.00	500.00
Zoning & Building Inspector Salary			500.00	500.00
Refund to Mr. Reynolds			(C) 250.00	250.00
Installation Flashing Lights			1,200.00	1,200.00

	Appropriated 1953	Expended 1953	Requested 1954	Recommended 1954
Drainage, Elm & Pleasant Sts. Sheridan, Day & Park Sts.			10,000.00	10,000.00
Removal-Sidewalk & Widening Center St. to Day St.			2,500.00	2,500.00
Completion & Equipping New School			40,000.00	40,000.00
Land for New School			6,000.00	6,000.00
Expense, Secondary School Building Committee			7,500.00	7,500.00
Drainage, Williams St.			1,000.00	1,000.00
Repairs—Maple St.			600.00	600.00
Repairs—Coughlin Road			2,500.00	2,500.00
Articles in Town Warrant	33,050.00	22,085.90	80,500.00	80,500.00
Regular Budget Items	540,178.09	636,389.54	588,503.00	588,503.00
Totals	$573,228.09	$658,475.44	$669,003.00	$669,003.00

(A)	Expended from Federal Grant	$5,302.40
(B)	Transfer from Reserve Fund	11.45
(C)	Receipts to General Relief Fund	2,930.18
(D)	Transfer from Reserve Fund	173.95
(E)	Transfer from Reserve Fund	34.84
(F)	Expended from Federal Grant	55,815.94
(G)	Transfer from Reserve Fund	599.58
(H)	Received from Chapter 90 Work	4,600.82
	Transfer to Chapter 90 Work	2,000.00
	Expended from Ames Highway Fund	29,790.16
(I)	Expended from Oliver Ames School Fund	23,592.38
	Expended from Oakes Ames School Fund	3,559.91
(J)	Transfer from Reserve Fund	24.55
(K)	Transfer from Reserve Fund	224.64
(L)	Receipts to Veterans Account	5,833.15
(M)	Receipts to Disability Assistance	2,930.18
(a)	Appropriated from Overlay Reserve	3,000.00
(b)	To be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve	3,000.00
(c)	To be appropriated from the E. & D. Account	250.00

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
1954

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol. GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the First day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Tree Warden and any committee of the Town and take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and Armistice Day to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial Year beginning January 1, 1955 and to isue a note or notes therefore payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allocate from monies raised and appropriated for highway purposes, such sums as may be necessary for maintenance, improvement and construction of streets within the Town, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County for the purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, to be expanded by the Moth Superintendent, in control work against the Dutch Elm Disease, as set forth by Section 13, Chapter 761, Acts of 1949.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a police cruiser for the Police Department, a certain automobile of said department to be applied toward the purchase price of the same, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of athletics in the High School.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Tax Collector and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a zoning and building inspector, said inspector to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction or private sale, in whole or in part, any property now owned of hereafter acquired by the Town under tax title proceedings; to impose such conditions and restrictions, and to make such reservations as they may deem expedient, and to issue quitclaim deeds or other instruments of conveyance therefor.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at private sale, on such conditions as they may deem expedient, any surplus or obsolete equipment of the Fire Department, the Police Department, or of the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to combine the planning Board and the Zoning Board as one Board consisting of five members to be known as the Planning-Zoning Board, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to refund to Leonard B. Reynolds the deposit of $250.00 made by him for the purchase of the Johnson property so-called on North Main Street at the original sale thereof, said property having been sold to others by the Town at a subsequent public auction, after he was unable to comply with the terms of the original sale.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing and installing two flashing lights at the intersection of Turnpike Street and Purchase Street.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to correct the drainage conditions at the corner of Elm Street and Pleasant Street and also on Sheridan Street in the Day Street to Park Street area.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the removal of the sidewalk on the West side of Center Street from Main Street to Day Street and for the widening of said Center Street at that location.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three individuals to meet with other like committees that may be appointed in nearby and adjoining Towns, to study the advisability of purchasing an incinerator for use by said Towns, said committee to report its findings at the next annual Town meeting or at any special Town meeting that may be held before that time.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1952 amending Chapter 41 of the General Laws and providing in substance that any Town employee who has worked continuously for five years but less than ten years shall be granted an annual vacation of three weeks without loss of pay, and any employee thereof who has worked continuously for ten years or more shall be granted an annual vacation of four weeks without loss of pay.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a school building and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, said sum to be in addition to the amount raised and appropriated under Article 20 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952, at the adjoined meeting held on March 13, 1952, and under Article 1 of the special Town Meeting held on February 2, 1953, and determined whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and under authority of Chapter 44 of General Laws, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen for and in behalf of the Town, to purchase, to acquire by gift or to take by right of eminent domain certain land situated on the Southerly side of Depot Street, containing 7 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the same to be used for School purposes, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Committee appointed in accordance with the vote of the Town at its last annual meeting to study future housing needs of the secondary school population of the Town, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a school building committee, consisting of seven individuals, two of whom shall be members of the School Committee, said Committee to obtain preliminary school building plans, drawings, specifications and a recommended school site for a proposed new secondary school, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, said Committee to report its findings at the next annual Town meeting or at any prior special Town meeting, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Brockton Edison Company to furnish street lights to the Town in such locations as the Selectmen may determine to be for the best interests of the Town, and in the event that the North Easton Village District or the Unionville Fire and Water District shall vote to terminate its existing contract with the Brockton Edison Company at any time prior, or within six months from, the date of this Meeting, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take over the contract or contracts so terminated, and to appropriate by transfer the balance in the fund raised and appropriated under Article 16 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952 for these purposes, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of the Board of Selectmen so that beginning with the annual Town election in 1955 a board of three Selectmen shall be elected, one member to be elected for the term of three years, one member to be elected for the term of two years, and one member to be elected for the term of one year; each succeeding year thereafter one member shall be elected for the term of three years. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to correct the drainage conditions on the northerly side of Williams Street extension, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to make necessary repairs to that end of Maple Street, extending easterly from Seaver Street to the property now or formerly of the Oliver Ames estate, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to make necessary repairs on Coughlin Road, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precinct One, to meet at the Furnace Village School; those residing in Precinct Two to meet at the High School Auditorium; and those residing in Precinct Three, to meet at the South Easton School House on Monday, the eighth day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes all on one ballot for one member of the Board of Assessors, for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years; and two members of the School Committee for a term of three years; Moderator, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, Planning Board, one member for five years, and a Finance Committee of fifteen, all for a term of one year. The Polls will be open at 10:00 o'clock A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Your are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in said Town, and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting, and said Town Clerk, is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return or officers elected at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of February in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

LEWIS R. MASON
ALBERT E. WOOD
HARLAND F. ALMQUIST

Selectmen of Easton

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL HOUSING SURVEY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Easton:

At the town meeting on March 2, 1953, you appointed us to study future housing needs of the secondary school population. Your appointment specified that after we had the opportunity to evaluate all the factors in the situation you then wished us to submit a report of our findings and our recommendation.

Respectfully presented, therefore, is this report of the Committee which has studied the problem with the objective in mind to recommend the best possible plan consistent with the educational needs of Easton and the ability of the taxpayer to finance it.

In the responsibility you gave to us we sensed that in order to give our assignment adequate treatment, a broad program of study was required. The application of that program resulted in 15 Committe meetings. Working in cooperation with us at these meetings were Mr. Gilbert C. Mann, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Roger L. Warner, former Principal, and Mr. Peter C. McConarty, Principal of the High School.

We appointed sub-committees to discuss the problem with departments in State government. Three such discussions occurred: (1) with the Division of Accounts of the State Department of Taxation and Corporations, (2) with the State Department of Public Safety, and (3) with the Administrator of the State School Building Assistance Commission.

As evidence of our desire to keep people informed, we were invited to meet with the Parent-Teacher organization where the opportunity was given us to acquaint them with our activities. Also, to our meeting of June 22nd there were invited officers of all social organizations in Easton. The number of questions asked, and the suggestions offered at these meetings, were a source of aid and encouragement to us.

All secondary school students, as you realize, are housed in the Oliver Ames High School. We know that you desired us to answer the question whether the housing facilities of that school are adequate for future needs. For that question to be answered it is necessary, first, to define the capacity of the building and, second, to estimate enrollment.

Capacity of Oliver Ames High School

Our study indicates that the normal capacity of this school is about 500 students. The building has twenty teacher stations, including five special classrooms, with shop and gymnasium included. The experience of the School Department in the use of the above room since 1930 bears out this estimate and suggests that overcrowding begins when the 500 enrollment figure is exceeded.

Estimate of Enrollment

Estimating future enrollment involves computations that use present registrations in grades one through twelve modified for anticipated losses of 33 percent from the school system. (Statistics show that of every 100 pupils who enter Junior High School in Easton, 33 will drop out before completion of the High School course.) In some communities the resulting figures are then increased to include population growth, although in our estimates we have not done that.

Therefore, the estimates we are giving you, while conservatively figured, may otherwise be regarded as reliable.

	Grades 7-8-9	Grades 10-11-12	Total
1953	274	170	444
1954	306	168	474
1955	353	176	529
1956	368	207	575
1957	377	236	613
1958	387	277	664
1959	442	288	730
1960	489	287	776
1961	492	295	787

Since reliable and sufficient conclusions can be reached for both the short and long pull by using the above summary, estimates beyond 1961 are not computed. With rapidly improving private and public transportation systems the desirable location of Easton as a place to live may receive increasing recognition by people in congested metropolitan areas. Although we have no provision for population growth in our enrollment estimate, it is necessary nevertheless to include that possibility in the organization of plans for the future.

Are the Housing Facilities Adequate?

The capacity of the High School building is seen as 500. An analysis of the enrollment indicates capacity is exceeded slightly in 1955 (which is next year) and that the amount of excess continues to increase annually thereafter.

This comparison finally results in the conclusion that some overcrowding exists in 1955 and a real shortage is evident in 1956. Thus it can be seen that we face a shortage in housing facilities and as a result we become obligated to consider a major problem.

What Shall We Do About Our Problem?

That is the question your Committee submits for consideration. Many solutions offered themselves to us. All of them contained the reminder that soundly conceived plans for the management of town affairs, as is true with personal ones, are less costly, less difficult to execute, and allow reaching the goal with less effort than do plans that are the product of hasty and ill advised organization.

Before proceeding further with this report, your attention is invited to a matter which, in being important, requires serious objective thinking by every citizen. It is the definition of a goal.

As we have seen, the time will soon be reached when housing facilities will not be adequate. While it may be disturbing to learn that this is so, we nevertheless cannot avoid the necessity for making a decision as to what shall be done about it. The decision, whether in favor of an addition or a new building, will cost money—and a lot of it.

Before the decision is made to spend that money there first is the vital need for the organization of a basic, fundamental policy to apply to the development of future secondary school housing plans. The time to adopt that policy is here. We are given two choices. One choice involves short term plans that provide a specific solution for a given situation without regard for the future. The other and more sensible choice is a long range fundamental plan for school housing development in Easton.

Only does the latter choice set up the foundation upon which to build year by year an economical, integrated, and educationally sound school system. With this policy in effect you can use it as a measurement to compute the merits of any solution you are asked to consider.

It is decidedly in your interest that you accept the long range policy as a goal. The broadness of perspective that results from an intensive study of this whole problem allows the Committee to give this policy a very warm endorsement.

Later in this report we will outline the long range plan we recommend. In the meantime, we report to you on four of the solutions analyzed in our study.

Solution 1: Do Nothing

To do nothing would seem to serve no purpose other than to compound the problem. It appears to us that there is little merit in any solution which results in the creation of a still greater problem.

That greater problem could, of course, be solved—but at a higher cost and a willingness in the meantime to accept the undesirable aspects of an educational program that is carried out in a congested environment.

The Committee believes that your request to have this study made was the result of your sensing an impending housing shortage and wanting to do something constructive. Consequently, the Committee has concluded that doing nothing about this shortage agrees neither with your desire nor its judgment.

Solution 2: Postpone Action

The solution could be used. In fact, one might get mildly enthusiastic over it. Postponing the need temporarily avoids the necessity for raising funds for school construction, with the resulting effect on taxation being obvious. In addition, the delay would buy time, as well as any questionable advantages more time would produce.

To make this solution work all one would have to do would be to increase school capacity. That would be easy enough. For example, merely by doubling the number of sessions you double the capacity. Half of the pupils attend morning sessions and the other half afternoon sessions, resulting in a shorter school day for each group. Hours for the morning group would probably be from 7:30 to 12:30 and for the afternoon group frm 1:00 to 6:00 o'clock. These hours would represent a reduction of one hour daily in school time, equivalent to a loss of about eight weeks in a school year. Although not measurable in dollars, any time reduction in length of class periods has a negative effect on educational values. Also, the effect of the double session upon the home cannot be ignored, especially if members of the same family have to attend different sessions.

The Committee feels that our educational health will thrive best, not on a prescription that deals with effect as double sessions would do, but rather, on a forward looking, well organized plan that deals with cause so as to avoid an effect that is pain producing.

Solution 3: Add to Present High School Building

We feel almost certain that there will be a disposition on the part of some citizens to consider that this is a solution. The answer looks easy until you take the problem in hand.

A. What is the structural strength of the building?

This building was designed by McLaughlin and Burr, 131 State Street, Boston. On June 2, 1952, this firm wrote to the Committee and said, "The existing building was not structurally designed for a third story, and we are of the opinion that such an addition could not be made with structural safety."

B. What about the site for expansion on the ground level?

The dimensions are about 450 feet by 250 feet, less about 16,000 square feet included in the Barrows lot. This is about 2 acres. We prepared some drawings of our own which resulted in our seeing on paper the area of land an addition would cover. It was evident in those drawings that we would be obliged to acquire more land in order to have the room necessary for an addition roughly equivalent in size to the present building. To obtain more land at this site would be extremely costly.

The present site is, therefore, not large enough.

C. What effect would an addition have on the following?

(a) The heating and plumbing facilities.
(b) The underground sewage and filterage plant.
(c) Classroom lighting, safety and ventilation.
(d) The parking situation.
(e) The out-of-door recreation area.
(f) Expansion in the future.

D. How about the cost?

For the answer to this question we had to rely upon discussions with people whose ability to estimate is recognized. Since funds were not appropriated for our study, we could not do otherwise.

We thus learned that in order to provide housing facilities for the higher enrollment of the future the cost of an addition to the Oliver Ames High School would be approximately the same as a new building, exclusive of land.

E. Would we be eligible for State aid?

In order to receive the answer to this question it is necessary to make formal application for a construction grant with the School Building Assistance Commission. At the time of application it is necessary to submit an architect's drawing and specifications including a description of the land on which construction is proposed.

The Commission is responsible for the prudent investment of taxpayer money that is allocated to a community from State funds. It is obvious, therefore, that our application would be analyzed carefully to determine whether the proposed plan is educationally sound and whether the money needed to construct a school would be a wise spending of public funds.

The Committee believes that sufficient coverage of the above question has been given to you in this report to allow you to draw your own conclusion as to whether the School Building Assistance Commission could favorably regard an application from Easton for an addition to the present high school.

F. Are we willing to accept this solution?

For the reasons outlined above, the committee does not favor this solution. Furthermore, and of major significance, a willingness to adopt this solution represents a decision to reject the long range goal.

Solution 4:—The Plan the Committee Favors

(1) Purchase land that is suitable for school purposes. The land should contain a minimum of 20 acres and be reasonably close to Frothingham Park.

(2) On the above land, construct a modern high school capable initially of housing 350 students.

(3) Design this school and develop the land so as to make expansion as easy and as economical as is possible.

(4) Use this new school for grades 10-11-12. The question may be asked, "Why not use the proposed new school for grades 7, 8 and 9?" With greatly increased enrollments in the grades 10, 11 and 12 of the future, many facilities of the present school become increasingly inadequate. Such specialized rooms as the shop, the science rooms, the commercial department rooms, the library, the physical education facilities and auditorium space, while quite satisfactory in the present building for grades 7, 8 and 9, would be designed in a new building to serve the special needs of older pupils much more effectively.

(5) Use the Oliver Ames High School Building for grades 7-8-9.

Why Does the Committee Favor This Plan?

1. It reaches the long range goal. It is the only plan that does so.
2. The total cost for constructing a new high school would be no higher than an addition to the high school.
3. The cost of land for a new high school would be less than the taking of land and homes adjacent to the present site.
4. Since the project would be supported by adequate land and all construction would be for a new building, the Committee is of the opinion that the provisions of Chapter 645, Acts of 1948, would qualify Easton for a construction grant of 50% of the cost not including the cost of land.
5. It is educationally sound. In this new school all classrooms can be planned specifically for the use of senior high school students, including rooms for science, vocational and shop training, homemaking, art, music, business education, as well as for general and college preparatory subjects.
6. The present high school is reasonably adequate for the use of grades 7-8-9.

What Are the Advantages of a New School?

1. It will provide facilities that are badly needed.
2. It will give us a school where a well rounded program for all boys and girls can be taught.
3. The land area will permit all pupils, not just varsity teams, to participate in out-of-door physical education and recreation.
4. It will provide an attractive community center for all types of town affairs.
5. It will enable Easton to maintain educational standards comparable with other towns.
6. It will increase real estate values as good schools always do.
7. It will be a school of which you and your children will be proud.

How Much Would This New School Cost?

To obtain a reliable estimate, the service of an architect is required. Even before he could answer our question he would want some specifications. For example, what about subsurface of the land? Does the land need development? How many classrooms; how many special rooms and for what purposes? Separate auditorium? These are a few.

In the absence of such specifications other means of estimating must be used. The Committee chose to accept a formula that is used by many communities. It is the formula of multiplying the average cost per pupil by the number of pupils for which the building will be designed. The average per pupil cost in this State for high school construction is $2400 exclusive of land. Thus a school designed for 350 students would estimate as $840,000, (of which $420,000. would be paid by the State). This estimate should be treated with caution. The only purpose it serves is to convey a general idea of what such a school would cost. The actual cost might be more or might be less than $840,000.

Some citizens may feel, that in estimating, other methods should be used such as by number of classrooms, by square feet or by cubic feet. The Committee considered the use of these other methods and learned that ordinarily they are not used in this type of estimating.

This estimate, in the final analysis, serves only as a guide as to what in general a building would cost and is no way binding on the town. It is not an estimate that would be used at a town meeting to raise and appropriate your tax money.

When Should We Have This School?

By referring to the enrollment summary, we see the shortage which exists in 1955. It is doubtful whether any plan could be made effective for use in that year.

It is possible, however, to take action to add facilities which will be needed in even larger degree in 1956. The Committee, therefore, recommends the start of the fall term in that year be accepted as the objective for this school.

The Long Range Plan That the Committee Favors

First of all, what is to be our future population?

Easton's population in 1940 was 5,135. In 1950 it was 6,244. The increase of 1,109 is a 21.6 rise in population in 10 years. The rate of building since 1950 has continued at an even greater pace.

School enrollment bears a relationship to population. If this rate of growth is continued it will make our figures conservative. Considering this possibility the following long range program is suggested.

1. Construct a new high school in accordance with Solution 4. Designate this school to be the Senior High.

2. Have the architect design the high school and develop the land for an initial capacity of 350 students, with provision for an addition to house a much larger enrollment in later years.

3. Use the Oliver Ames High School Building for grades 7-8-9.

4. If enrollment in grades 7-8-9 exceed later the 500 Junior High capacity obtain relief by transferring grade 9 to the new Senior High building.

5. The application of item 4 results in a 6-2-4 arrangement, (six grades in the elementary schools, two grades in junior high and four grades in senior high.) It is educationally sound and was used in Easton prior to 1930.

6. If the rate of population growth and secondary school enrollment in the future is

(a) Less than expected:

There will be no need to take action to increase capacity of the senior high school.

(b) More than expected:

The long range plan will have provided a site large enough for the increased enrollment and the building will have been so planned that an addition can easily be made.

The Action the Committee Recommends to You

1. That you appoint a School Building Committee with the authority and the money that are necessary to execute the recommendations in this report.

2. That you instruct this Committee to submit a report of its findings and recommendations at the town meeting next after its appointment.

3. That you vote "yes" on any article in the 1954 warrant and any motion made at a town meeting which in your judgement is aimed at a long range, educationally and economically sound solution of the school housing problem.

Conclusion

The Committee now concludes that the assignment given to it is over. It has been a pleasure for us to have worked together on so important a matter. As a result of its study the Committee has learned much. It is our wish, finally, that enough of what we learned in so extensive a study is written into this report to allow you to understand the far reaching significance of an educational and economic problem.

Thus is the problem defined. The solution is suggested. The action is recommended. The answer? It is in your hands.

Respectfully,

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TOWN OF EASTON

MASSACHUSETTS

for the year ending December 31

1953

Annual Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Easton:

Submitted in the following paragraphs is the annual report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1953, as required by law. It is the one hundred and twenty-sixth in this series of annual reports.

As school committee members, we have maintained close contact with the schools and have exercised general supervision over them. We have held a total of twenty-five meetings during the year. Our members have also served as members of the new Center School building committee, and two of our members have held membership on the High School Building Survey Committee.

The New Center School

It is expected that by the time this report is in the hands of citizens, the new school at the Center will have been occupied. We have called the attention of the School Building Committee to certain items of original equipment for this building which their earlier appropriations were not sufficient to cover. The list includes such items as power lawn mower, power scrubbing machine, vacuum cleaner, floor mats, spirits type duplicator, filling cabinets, flags, maps, motion picture projector, film strip projector, projector screens, playground apparatus and equipment, teachers' room furniture and lunch room dishes. Also included are basketball backboards for the all-purpose room similar to those in the High School gymnasium, an expensive item needed to make the room usable for evening basketball groups. The entire list totals about $7,000. Another item not included by the Building Committee in their earlier appropriations was funds for blacktopping the driveways. This job will cost about $8,000.

We understand that the Building Committee is asking for a supplementary appropriation at the town meeting in March, which will include funds for these items. Since they are original equipment and site development, the town will be entitled to state reimbursement to the extent of fifty per cent of the original expenditure, if handled in this way. If they are purchased by the School Committee later, the town will have to pay one hundred per cent of the outlay. Since they are items which will be required for the efficient operation of the building, we urge support of the Building Committee's request for sufficient funds to provide these items.

Citizens will be interested in the effect of the new building on the operating costs of the schools, and specifically its effect on the 1954 school budget. It will be noted that the effect on teachers' salaries is negligible, as it does not change the number of teachers employed. This is contrary to the ideas held by a segment of the general public. They forget that a teacher is necessary for each 30 to 35 pupils, regardless of whether they are housed in the new building or in sub-standard basement rooms. The teacher who acts as principal will receive $350 more than her salary as a teacher; this is the only increase in salary costs. The additional operating costs caused by using the new building will be about as follows:

Salaries (one more principal)		$350.00
Salary of part time clerk		750.00
Operating expenses:		
Janitor (from February)	$2,567.00	
Fuel	3,170.00	
Janitors' supplies	400.00	
Water	100.00	
Electricity	900.00	
Miscellaneous (telephone)	83.00	
		7,220.00
Transportation		1,295.00
Sundries—Insurance		2,200.00
Total in 1954 Budget		$11,815.00

New School Transportation Contracts

School bus contracts with Mitrano Chevrolet Company and Willis G. Buck expired on June 30. Bids on school transportation for the three year period ending June 30, 1956 were advertised for, and contracts were awarded to the contractors who have provided this service for the past several years. Our specifications listed sixteen routes to be covered, of which eight serve the junior-senior high school and eight the elementary schools. The numbers of elementary children have increased to such an extent that one additional bus was called for in the new specifications. The daily rate now being paid is $127.79, an increase of $37.55 over the figures of the old contracts. The new contracts, besides requiring the use of one more bus, involve some increase in mileage.

We have attempted to alleviate the crowding on some of the elementary loads by setting minimum distances beyond which pupils must live in order to be eligible to ride to school. These distances are approximately a half mile for pupils in grades 1, 2 and 3, and a mile for pupils in grade 4 and above. In some sections of North Easton, where no bus transportation is provided, pupils must walk distances in excess of these limits.

As a result of the addition of one bus and of the minimum distances established, our busses are at present comfortably filled but not overcrowded. Two or three elementary loads are, however, filled to capacity.

High School Building Survey Committee

Two of our members served as members of the committee of seven appointed by the moderator, as a result of the vote of the town, to survey secondary school housing facilities. Some sixteen meetings of the survey committee were held. Their report, which appears in another section of the Town Report, is worthy of serious study by townspeople.

The report points up the need in the near future of additional high school facilities. It recommends that a new building, to house grades 10, 11 and 12, be erected. With this recommendation we are in hearty accord. We hope that prompt action will be taken regarding a site for the new structure and that the new building will be ready in time to avoid placing our junior and senior high school pupils on double sessions (one group attending mornings, the other afternoons). Enrollment figures in the elementary grades indicate that double sessions may be necessary by September, 1956, unless more room is provided.

When considering the erection of a new school building, the selection of a site is a matter of great importance. Not only must the site be suitably located, but it must have sufficient area. A site of at least twenty acres should be sought. The securing of a site having a desirable location and sufficient size may be much simpler now than it may be later, because of the way some of the most desirable locations are being used for housing developments.

Accident Insurance for Pupils

Until recently, the expense of treatment of accidents to pupils occurring on school premises, or on the way to and from school, had to be paid by the parents of pupils concerned. It was frequently necessary to explain to such parents that the town could not legally pay such bills. Recent legislation has made it permissible for the School Committee to place insurance covering such mishaps.

Effective September 1, 1952, insurance was placed at town expense covering accidents to junior-senior high school pupils occurring in physical education classes or in intramural and interscholastic athletics. This insurance cost $1,195. In September, 1953, the insurance coverage was broadened to include coverage for accidents of all types from the time the pupil leaves home in the morning until he returns at night. This broadened coverage was placed at an additional cost of fifty cents per pupil, or a total of $1,420 for the entire student body of the junior-senior high school.

A demand then arose for similar coverage in the elementary schools. This was handled by permitting the parents to pay the cost at the rate of one dollar per year per pupil insured. The taking of this insurance was optional. It was first offered in February, 1953, when parents of about sixty-five per cent of the elementary children purchased the coverage. In October the remaining thirty-five per cent were given another opportunity to secure this protection, and a large number again responded, so that at present about 90 per cent of the elementary pupils and 100 per cent of the junior-senior high school pupils are covered with this accident insurance.

Our experience with the insurance company handling this insurance has been very satisfactory, all claims having been paid promptly upon receipt of necessary details.

Retirements

Two veteran school employees retired during 1953, both having reached the compulsory retirement age. The Committee wishes both many years of happiness and leisure.

Mrs. Grace P. Mills completed her service as a teacher when schools closed in June. She had been a teacher on regular appointmnt at the North Easton Grammar School since January 1, 1943. Prior to that time she did a large amount of substitute teaching in the local schools. Before coming to Easton she had been a teacher in the Blossvale, Port Chester and White Plains schools in New York. She received her preparation for teaching at Oneonta, New York, Normal School. Mrs. Mills' service in the schools was always rated as superior.

Alfred H. Dahlborg, supervisor of attendance in the schools since November, 1924, and head custodian at the High School since 1930, retired on October 31. From 1924 until his transfer to the High School he was custodian at the North Easton Grammar School. Mr. Dahlborg made the schools and their activities the major interests of his life. His cheerful ways and his eagerness to be of help won for him the affection of both teachers and pupils.

Everett A. Dunn

Everett A. Dunn died suddenly on October 8. Mr. Dunn joined the staffs of the schools in August, 1928, assuming at that time the position of custodian at the old Union School at Furnace Village. In 1939, when that building was abandoned as a school building, he was transferred to the new Furnace Village School, where he served faithfully until his death.

Cost of Teachers' Salaries

The cost of the teachers' salary item goes higher each year. There are two causes for this situation. The first is the trend toward higher salaries for teachers everywhere. We have to follow this trend if we are to retain competent teachers and if we are to compete successfully with other towns for the services of good teachers when replacements are required. The fact that enrollments in public schools are increasing faster than the teacher training institutions can prepare prospective teachers for positions has created a serious shortage. When a shortage exists, competition for the item, whether it is services or commodities, forces the price higher.

The second cause for the sharp increas in the teachers' salary item of the budget in recent years is the larger number of teachers employed. The number required in Easton schools has gone from 43 ten years ago to 55 at the present time. During the same period the increase in school enrollment has been 382 pupils, or 32 pupils for each additional teacher hired.

A year ago a new salary schedule was adopted. This schedule retained the same minimum rates as the earlier schedule, but increased maximums by $150. This did not halt the exodus of teachers from our schools to other towns during the summer of 1953, when the largest turnover of staff members in many years occurred. There are now fifteen teachers on our staff who were not here last June. Three of these, however, are additions to the staff and not replacements. However, a loss of nearly twenty-five per cent of the teaching staff is strong evidence that the salary schedule was inadequate. This evidence was reinforced by the difficulty encountered in finding competent replacements.

In considering the salary problem, the Committee asked a representative group of citizens to study the matter. This committee was composed of William J. Hansen and William A. Kutcher of the Finance Committee, Raymond Taylor, Mrs. Elwood Eisenhart and Mrs. Benedict Scully, presidents of the three parent-teacher associations, John C. Mason and Mrs. Gertrude Hawkes, representing the Teachers' Club, and Mrs. Alice K. Briggs and Donald W. Bellows of the School Committee. After a study of the matter, this committee recommended to the School Committee the following:

1. That the present minimum or starting salaries of the schedule remain unchanged.
2. That the early annual increments in the schedule be made $200 instead of $100, with later step increases to be $100 as at present.
3. That the maximums be increased $250. This results in maximums of $3600 for teachers without a degree, $3800 for teachers with a bachelor's degree, and $4,000 for teachers with a master's degree.
4. That the principals of all small elementary schools be paid $50 per room instead of $25 per room above the regular schedule.
5. That these changes be made following the annual town meeting and retroactive to January 1.

We have included funds in the 1954 budget to put into effect the first four of these recommendations. Since it has been our expressed policy to make salary rate changes effective September first in any year, we did not accept the fifth recommendation. Hence we plan to make the new schedule effective next September first.

Costs Continue to Increase

School costs, especially salaries, wages and pupil transportation, have continued to increase since our budget for 1953 was presented to the voters a year ago. These, and the added expense of operating the new building, account for most of the substantial increase in the 1954 budget. Due to having to pay two-thirds of the cost of three-year policies on the new school in 1954, the insurance item is nearly doubled.

These increases will raise the question in the minds of many as to how our costs per pupil compare with similar costs in other communities. The following figures, taken from a mimeographed release from the State Department of Education entitled "Per Pupil Costs, Valuation, Tax Rates, Etc., School Year 1952-53," will help to show Easton's position in relation to the state as a whole. They are figures for the calendar year ending December 31, 1952 and are the latest figures available. They show costs for support (regular operating expenses) and do not include expenditures for capital outlay, such as new buildings and grounds.

	Net cost from local taxation per pupil in net average membership	*Expended from all sources per pupil in average membership*
(1) Easton	$137.29	$195.23
(2) All cities in Massachusetts	220.48	251.84
(3) All towns in Massachusetts over 5,000 population	183.58	217.39
(4) All towns in Massachusetts under 5,000 population and maintaining High School	150.82	207.01
(5) All towns in Massachusetts under 5,000 population and not maintaining high school	145.28	258.90
(6) State of Massachusetts	199.82	237.88

The figures in the first column above show actual costs to the local municipalities. The second column figures show total expenditures per pupil from all sources. The first column is significant in that it shows comparative local effort. The help given by the two Ames Funds amounted to about $18.00 per pupil. This amounts and state aid are included in the second column figures for Easton. All figures are copied from the source given above.

For a comparison of costs locally, figures corresponding to those above, taken from the same State Department of Education source, for nineteen towns in this area are given in the following table. The column headed "Net Cost from Local Taxation" shows the net cost per pupil after all types of receipts of a school department, including state aid and income from any endowment funds, have been subtracted from total expenditures.

	Net Cost from location taxation	Rank in Group	Cost from All Sources	Rank in Group
Abington	$177.68	1	$214.94	1
Foxboro	176.37	2	208.64	2
Mansfield	163.30	3	196.27	6
Canton	160.20	4	206.33	4
Rockland	156.18	5	193.01	9
Taunton	155.91	6	193.34	8
Brockton	155.45	7	186.35	12
Bridgewater	150.47	8	185.79	13
E. Bridgewater	150.23	9	196.34	5
Hanover	143.48	10	189.25	11
Sharon	141.07	11	185.26	14
Easton	137.29	12	195.23	7
Whitman	134.18	13	170.75	16
W. Bridgewater	128.42	14	190.38	10
Stoughton	127.83	15	172.69	15
Randolph	116.10	16	156.21	18
Avon	113.60	17	158.48	17
Norton	110.55	18	169.77	19
Raynham	104.44	19	206.74	3

These figures show that on the basis of local suport, as indicated by the first column, Easton ranks twelfth in the group of nineteen towns. Because of the income from the two Ames Funds and because of the relatively large amount of state aid due to our low assessed valuation, the town rises to seventh position on the basis of cost per pupil from all sources. A year ago our positions were eighth and third respectively.

It will be noticed that these figures show that towns and cities in the Brockton area in general spend less per pupil than expenditures over the state as a whole.

The following comparative figures, including those for Easton, are taken from a report of the State Department of Education dated December, 1953 and are for the school year ending last June 30th. They show expenditures per pupil in average membership for the school year 1952-53, by grade groups, (elementary, junior high and senior high).

		Grades 1-6	*Grades* 7-9	*Grades* 10-12
(1)	Easton	$153.93	$218.69	$330.01
(2)	All cities in Massachusetts	212.03	279.44	347.03
(3)	All towns in Massachusetts over 5000 population	185.30	257.16	336.40
(4)	All towns in Massachusetts under 5000 population and maintaing High Schools	167.61	227.24	364.02
(5)	All towns in Massachusetts Under 5000 population and not maintaining High Schools	175.48	234.82	——
(6)	State of Massachusetts	202.95	272.73	345.22

These figures for the last school year show that costs per pupil in Easton are lower than the corresponding figures for any of the groups above.

Building Repairs and Improvements

During the year considerable progress was made in the upkeep of buildings and equipment. Among the larger projects were the installation of acoustical tile on ceilings of the shop, one classroom and portions of corridors at the High School, renewing the tar and gravel roof on the older part of the North Easton Grammar School, new copper gutters at the same school, new oil burning heating system at the Poquanticut School, flourescent lights in three rooms at the High School, extension of the sewage disposal system at the Eastondale School, built-in storage cabinets in three classrooms at North Easton Grammar School, black top surfacing for play areas and driveways at three schools, and completion of the grading of the new play area at North Easton Grammar School. A number of classrooms were painted, and two basement rooms were renovated for use as classrooms.

Considerable much needed equipment was acquired during the year, chief of which were the following: three electric ranges for the cooking classroom at the High School, new pupil seating for four classrooms, about twenty large sized wall maps, power lawn mower, Blodgett oven for the High School lunch room, sander, scroll saw unit and lathe for the High School shop, an electric typewriter and a bookkeeping machine for the High School commercial department, twelve lunchroom tables for use at North Easton Grammar School, a motion picture projector and many smaller items. Seventeen office desks were secured at Camp Miles Standish as surplus federal property for the cost of handling. All of these items will contribute to the more efficient operation of the schools.

One phase of the repair program has lagged. Interior painting of classrooms and corridors should receive greater emphasis during 1954. The roof and exterior woodwork at Poquanticut School must be painted. The multitude of minor repairs on the seven buildings requires a large part of the time of our maintenance man.

During 1954 a second maintenance man is being employed. The work which he should be able to do in a year should considerably exceed work which could be purchased by contract for the money which will be paid him as salary. Another factor in favor of the employment of a second maintenance man is the expectation that the two men working together can do more than twice as much work as one man working alone in maintenance jobs. During July and August one of the janitors will also be used on this type of work.

The 1954 Budget

The 1954 budget is about $37,000 higher than the 1953 budget and about $32,000 more than 1953 expenditures, (the difference in these figures being due to additional income from the Oliver Ames School Fund). As explained in a previous section of this report, plans for occupancy of the new school account for about $11,800 of the increase. The item of teachers' salaries shows an increase of $18,600. Pupil transportation costs will be up nearly $7,000. These three items account for the increases. The cost of insurance will be up about $4,000, but this increase is largely due to the new school and is included in the $11,800 figure above. The "Outlay" item is about $5,000 lower than last year's figure, while some of the other items are slightly higher and off-set this decrease. An expanding school system with a 40 per cent increase in school enrollments during the last few years, plus the decreased purchasing power of the dollar, have made these increases necessary. Details of the budget follow:

ITEM	EXPENDED 1953		NEEDED 1954	
General Control		$9,768.02		$10,167.00
Office Expenses	$411.45		$250.00	
Telephone	211.32		239.00	
Travelling Expense	571.17		600.00	
Supv. of Attendance	110.00		110.00	
Clerk's Salary	2,380.72		2,584.00	
Supt.'s Salary	6,083.36		6,384.00	
Salaries		178,039.85		196,682.00
Expenses of Prin., Supv. and Teachers		2,369.56		3,490.00
Textbooks		4,090.70		4,298.00
Supplies		9,598.54		9,500.00
Instructional	7,598.54		6,500.00	
Athletic	2,000.00		3,000.00	
Operating Expenses		32,861.00		39,770.28
Janitors' Wages	17,262.23		21,329.28	
Fuel	8,716.03		11,041.00	
Janitors' Supplies	3,057.72		2,700.00	
Water	322.00		400.00	
Electricity	2,724.44		3,300.00	
Miscellaneous	778.58		1,000.00	
Maintenance		20,413.72		20,213.00
Repairs	15,978.35		16,035.00	
Furniture and Furn.	4,435.37		4,178.00	
Library		890.39		500.00
Health		4,632.60		4,980.00
Salary of Physician	1,060.00		1,190.00	
Salary of Nurse	3,149.92		3,333.33	
Transportation	350.00		366.67	
Supplies	72.68		75.00	
Miscellaneous			15.00	
Transportation		18,881.15		25,724.00
Tuition (Elementary)		320.34		100.00
Sundries		5,799.51		9,724.00
General	885.38		818.00	
Graduation	195.26		200.00	
Insurance	4,718.87		8,706.00	
Outlay		8,399.94		2,928.00
Perm. Improvement	3,129.17		2,045.00	
New Equipment	5,270.77		883.00	
Vocational Education		4,085.96		3,313.00
Household Arts	388.65		325.00	
Trade School Tuition	2,466.01		2,340.00	
Trade School Trans.	954.45		648.00	
Transp. Bristol Co. Ag. School	276.85		648.00	
		$300,151.28		$331,389.28

BUDGET SUMMARY

A. 1953

(1) Regular Appropriation, March, 1953		$268,707.39
(2) Appropriation for support of High School Athletics, March, 1953		2,000.00
(3) Receipts from Oliver Ames Fund:		
Carried from 1952	$506.61	
Received in 1953	23,695.88	
Available for current expenses		24,202.49
(4) Receipts, Oakes Ames School Fund		3,559.91
(5) Federal funds used for payment, in part, of salary of Vocational Houshold Arts teacher		2,291.60
(6) Total available for support of school		$300,761.39
(7) Total expended during 1953		300,151.28
(8) Balance, Oliver Ames Fund Account		$610.11

B. 1954

(1) Town appropriation requested	$305,000.00
(2) Appropriation requested for support of athletics	3,000.00
(3) Estimated from Oliver Ames Fund in 1954	18,000.00
(4) Carried from 1953 in Ames Fund Account	610.11
(5) Available from Oakes Ames Fund, 1954	3,500.00
(6) Available from federal funds to apply on salary of Vocational Household Arts teacher	1,279.17
	$331,389.28

C. Estimated Departmental Receipts, 1954

It is estimated that the following sums will be received by the Town on account of its schools, all of which will go into the general fund of the Town Treasury:

From the State, tuition and transportation of State Wards	$4,000.00
From the State, as reimbursement in part for expenditures for pupil transportation	9,000.00
From the State, as aid to schools, Chapter 643, G. L.	46,131.01
From the State, reimbursement to the extent of half the cost of Vocational Education for the year ending August 31, 1953	2,083.03
From rental of halls, supplies sold, etc.	200.00
	$61,414.04

If the estimated receipts for 1954, as shown above, are subtracted from the appropriation requested for 1954, the balance will show the approximate net cost to be raised by local taxation for the support of schools in 1954, which is $246,585.96. ($305,000.00+$3,000.00—$61,414.04=$246,585.96.)

D. Receipts and bill receivable, 1953

(1) The following amounts were received during 1953 and went into the general fund of the Town Treasury:

From the State as aid to Schools, Chapter 643, G. L.	$42,946.01	
From the State, as reimbursement in part for transportation costs	9,342.82	
From the State, as reimbursement in the amount of one half of the expenditures for vocational education, year ending August 31, 1952	1,798.29	
From the State, tuition and transportation of state wards	5,364.86	
From the Town of Sharon, tuition	76.68	
From rental of halls, supplies sold, etc.	181.01	
From Walter L. Howard, Brockton, tuition	140.00	
		$59,849.67

(2) Accounts receivable:

From A. J. Smith, Easton, tuition Sept. 9, 1947—June 23, 1948	$90.41	
From Charles A. Crocker, Sharon, tuition, November 22,1948— January 4, 1949	23.04	
From Walter L. Howard, Brockton, tuition	3.04	
		116.49
		$59,966.16

Respectfully submitted,

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January 18, 1954

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Easton:

The following pages constitute my report as superintendent of schools for the year ending December 31, 1953. It is the twenty-ninth annual report which it has been my privilege to prepare, and the sixty-eighth in the series of annual reports from this office. In it are outlined some of the accomplishments of the year and some of the problems facing us in the operation of the schools, along with some of the needs and plans for the future.

The year has in many ways been a productive one in the schools. Progress has been made in improvements to the physical plant and equipment. During the school year ending last June 30th there was only one change in the teaching staff which started the previous September, although ten of the teachers were new to us at that time. This stability during the school year helped to make 1952-53 a good one academically. However, with the coming of the summer vacation, many of our teachers began to find other positions more attractive, with the result that the heaviest turnover in the teaching staff for many years occurred, including resignations from individuals in key positions. Problems resulting from this situation will be discussed in a later section of this report.

Measuring Achievement in School

A program of testing, using tests which have been scientifically standardized has several important values, chief of which are:

1. An evaluation of the general level of academic achievement of the schools.

2. An exaluation (with certain limitations) of the academic achievement of the individual pupil.

3. Diagnostic values, showing points of strength and weakness on the part of the individual child. Test results are

thus an aid in understanding the child and in adapting the work of the classroom to the needs of the individual.

4. Diagnostic values, showing areas of over-emphasis and under emphasis on the part of the teacher. This applies chiefly to the elementary school field.

5. Incentives to better work, both on the part of the pupil and on the part of the teacher.

6. An aid in counselling with parents regarding the school work of their children.

The tests used in the spring testing program in 1953 were the various editions of the Standford Achievement Tests in grades 1 through 5, the Iowa Every-Pupil Tests of Basic Skills in grade 6, and individual subject tests in algebra, general science, plane geometry, biology, chemistry, physics and United States history in grades 9 through 12. A weakness in the testing program in the High School was the failure to make use of any standarized achievement tests in grades 7 and 8. These grades, and the work of the English classes in grades 7 through 12, should be tested next spring.

In addition to achievement tests covered in this report, considerable testing with group intelligence and aptitude tests was done in the High School by the Guidance Director. All Kindergarten pupils, and all first grade pupils not tested as Kindergartners. The intelligence quotients thus obtained become a part of the permanent records regarding each child.

On the Stanford Achievement Tests, the average grade score for each of the first five grades, taken as units, exceeded the grade norms by two to six school months, (grade 1, two months; grade 2, four months; grade 3, six months; grade 4, five months; grade 5, six months). These grades, again taken as units, exceeded the grade norms of the test in reading by three to seven school months; in spelling by two to six school months; Grade 3, 4 and 5 exceeded the grade norms in arithmetic computation by three to six school months, while grades 1 and 2 were each one month below the grade norm of the test, chiefly because our course of study calls for less arithmetic in those grades than many schools teach. Language, social studies, science and study skills were tested in grade five but not in grades below. Our fifth grade scores in these fields, taking the grade as a unit, were ten, five, eight and eleven school months, respectively, above the grade norms. Grade 6, tested with the Iowa Every-Pupil Test of Basic Skills, as a grade unit exceeded the test norms in reading, study skills and arithmetic skills by three, three and one school months, respectively, while just equalling the grade standard in language skills.

Test scores of individual pupils in each grade show a wide range, both above and below the grade norms, as is always the case. The over-all picture is that of substantially good and rather outstanding work being done by our elementary schools. I have no doubt that our teachers, by using a little more drive, a little greater insistance upon the completion of all assignments by pupils, and some more work with individuals who need special help (both during and outside regular school hours), have the ability to change the picture to superior.

In the High School the following achievement tests were given. The table also shows the test norms and median scores made by our pupils.

Test	**Test Norm.**	**Easton Median Score**
Lankton Algebra	106	115
Read General Science	102	102
Shaycroft Plane Geometry	110	121
Nelson Biology	104	102
Anderson Chemistry	115	116.5
Dunning Physics	114	118
Crary U.S. History	104	108.2

Thus the test norms were exceeded in first year algebra, plane geometry, chemistry, physics and U.S. history. The general science classes just equalled the test standards, while the biology classes were slightly under the norm. The median I. Q. of the latter group was 99, while median I. Q.'s of the other groups ranged from 102 to 118. These scores are further evidence that our schools are doing substantially good work.

Textbook and Curriculum Changes

A continuing program of textbook modernization is in effect in the elementary schools. During 1953 new textbooks in arithmetic were selected by a committee of teachers, and some classrooms were equipped with them when schools opened in September. It is expected that all rooms in grades three through six, as well as grades 7 and 8 in junior high school, will be equipped with these new arithmetics when schools open for the new school year next September.

In science new textbooks for grades three through six have been provided within the last three years, and it is expected that grade 2 will be provided with new books in this field in 1954. Grade 7 at the Junior-Senior High School was equipped with new science books last September, and it is planned to provide them for grade 8 next September.

During the past two years we have been purchasing spelling textbooks in a new edition. Many of our elementary grades, and some sections of grades 7 and 8 in the Junior-Senior High School, have been equipped with the new spelling books. By next September it is hoped to complete the equipping of all pupils in grades 2 to 8 inclusive with the new spellers.

In the field of instruction in reading, grades 1 through 5 have been equipped with the new basal readers. Grade 6 will be provided with them next September. In this subject, it has been our practice to equip one grade per year, beginning with grade 1, with the new material. Thus a child starting in the older series as a first grader continued in that series throughout his elementary school course. In addition to new basal readers, new material of a supplementary nature is being provided. For groups of pupils who are "reluctant" readers, easy material of high interest level is required. About a dozen sets of readers (12 books to the set) especially prepared for this purpose, have been provided and are available to any teacher upon request. These books have been provided with boxes with handles for easy transfer from school to school. A third type of reading textbook material will be made partially available during 1954. These books are so-called literary readers. Many of us have felt that the desire of textbook publishers to present all new material in their basal reading textbooks, and the practice of schools of using other basal series for supplementary reading purposes, has resulted in eliminating from the material read by children in school many of the fine old stories which have persisted over the years because of their literary value. The reading textbook committee, consisting of five elementary teachers and the undersigned, has selected a series of readers, the content of which is composed entirely of these older stories written with a controlled vocabulary. These readers will be purchased, according to present plans, gradually during the next two years. They should make not only good instructional material but should have an enrichment effect upon the school child.

In handwriting we have been having the help of the Rinehart supervisors for the past several years. We feel well satisfied with permanship results in the first six grades. Unfortunately the penmanship of many pupils tends to deteriorate in junior-senior high school, where no formal teaching of the subject takes place. This is not because the secondary pupil cannot write well, but because he does not take the trouble to write well, and, perhaps, because secondary school teachers will accept penmanship of sub-par quality. One change in penmanship procedures, started last September, was the substitution of slant lettering for cursive writing in grade 1. This will be continued into grade 2 next school year, with a change to cursive writing at the beginning of grade 3. The change from cursive writing to slant lettering in the first two grades is being made not to improve penmanship, which is already satisfactory in the elementary grades, but in the hope that effectiveness in reading and spelling instruction may benefit.

Teacher Changes

The summer of 1953 produced an unusual number of teacher resignations, particularly in the High School. Finding suitable replacements for many of these teachers proved unusually difficult. Teachers resigning, and the school systems to which they went were:

Principal Roger L. Warner	Fairfield, Conn.
Vernon A. Schnare	Coxackie, N.Y.
Marie E. Fitzgerald	Boston
James C. Galt	Belmont
Bernard P. LaCouture	Quincy
Charles L. Lowder	Arlington
Vincent J. Mazgelis	Brockton
Pricilla A. Bowden	At Home
Grace P. Mills	Retired
Elizabeth M. Garrity	Brockton
Doris P. Robinson	Wayland

Helen Galt (part time)	At Home
Robert D. King	Changed from full time to part time
John L. Hanlon	Armed Forces—drafted

In addition to replacements for the above, three additional teachers were employed because of increased enrollments.

New teachers are:

Principal Peter C. McConarty	High School
Julian S. Preuss	High School
Rene Audette	High School
John Hanlon	High School
Valantine Muscata	High School
Marjorie L. Carey	High School
Alfred R. Breen	High School
Edward F. O'Brien	High School
Henry K. Dooley	High School
Rose Slavitz	North Easton Grammar
Rita L. Curry	North Easton Grammar
Doris M. Cullen	North Easton Grammar
Mary E. Kelleher	South Easton
Karen M. Quinn	Music
Dorothy Galvin	Unionville
Joan E. Nelson	Eastondale

Our teaching staff now numbers fifty-five. Over one-fourth of them are new in their positions this year. This high rate of turn-over in the staff is not good for the efficiency of the schools.

The general public has little conception of the difficulty encountered in 1953 in finding suitable teaching candidates. One or more vacancies existed in our staff from last spring until December. A large part of the writer's time during the summer was spent in searching for an interviewing teaching applicants. Two factors combined to make the problem difficult in Easton.—(1) the shortage of teachers caused by rapidly growing school enrollments through the nation, and (2) the relatively low salary rates permitted by our salary schedule. A better salary schedule will place us in a better competitive position.

Heterogeneous versus Homogeneous Grouping

For many years until recently it has been the practice of the local schools to group pupils in grade sections or divisions according to ability. This plan was used chiefly at the North Easton Grammar School and with the seventh and eighth grades at the junior-senior high school. The numbers at the other schools were usually too small to make grouping possible.

The chief advantage of such grouping was the opportunity to adjust the work of the classroom to the ability of the group. At the junior high school level different basal books in some subjects were used for different sections of the same grade in an effort to adjust difficulty to ability. Disadvantages of the practice of ability grouping were that it was undemocratic and often wrong from the mental hygiene point of view. The effect on the personality of a pupil assigned to a slower division was often detrimental.

During the past two years the sectioning of grades in the elementary schools into classroom groups on the basis of ability has been entirely discontinued. Small group instruction within the membership of a classroom has been encouraged in its place. Most first grade classrooms will have as many as five different groups in reading progressing at different rates, these rates being determined by the child's ability, maturity, condition of health, regularity of attendance, etc. Membership in the various groups is flexible and is changed as pupil needs require. Thus if a child is absent because of illness he can generally, upon his return, be placed in a different group in the same classroom, where the work is adjusted to his particular needs. The same plan is used in grades above the first except that the number of groups within the classroom is gradually reduced as the child progresses through the grades. In many classroom activities the membership of the entire classroom works together as a group. It is our feeling at present that this plan permits the adaptation of instruction to individual needs as well as the older plan of making up entire classroom groups on the basis of academic ability, while it eliminates to a large extent the objections to the former plan.

An effort has been made to eliminate the practice of having two grades in one classroom. The reaching of this goal in its entirety has been made impossible because of the fact that we have so many small school buildings. Double grade classrooms are still unavoidable at Unionville, Furnace Village and Poquanticut Schools, where we have a total of six. This situation will not change much when the new Center School becomes available. The use of small groups within the classroom for instructional purposes, outlined above, is possible to a far lesser extent in classrooms having two grades.

As the junior high school, heterogeneous grouping is now practiced, except that one division in each of grades 7 and 8 has been formed composed of pupils who have demonstrated superior academic ability in pervious years. These divisions are given an enriched program.

Thus there are no longer any so-called slow divisions in the Easton Schools. The plan has not, of course, eliminated the unadjusted pupil, although we hope it will tend to reduce their number. There are several factors which tend to produce "unadjusted" pupils, such as long absence due to illness, poor physical conditions, unfavorable home conditions, frequent changes of schools due to change of residence, and of course the occasional case of low mental ability. There is some demand on the part of parents that the schools provide a so-called remedial teacher to give special help to the unadjusted child. The bulk of this work must be done by the regular classroom teacher, but a special teacher for remedial work would of course be a valuable addition to the staff of the elementary schools.

The writer has a deep-rooted conviction that attitude, rather than abstract ability, is the primary factor in the individual pupil's progress in school. Over the years I have seen many pupils of below average ability do acceptable school work through sheer determination to succeed. I have likewise seen many pupils of good ability do below average or failing work. Attitude is determined as much by the home as by the school. An important cause of poor attitudes on the part of pupils is criticism of the schools by parents in the presence of pupils. The wise parent, no matter what his opinion of the schools or of an individual teacher may be, will refrain from making any remarks regarding the schools, except those which are constructive, in the presence of his children because of effect upon their attitudes towards their school work.

Use of the New School Building

It is expected that the new Center School will be ready for occupancy in February. Present plans are to use Friday, February 19, which is the last day of the winter term, to move pupils and their books and supplies into the building. When schools reopen after the February vacation this will be their new school home.

Groups to attend the new school are Kindegarten pupils living in the Poquanticut, Unionville, South Easton, Eastondale and Furnace Village areas, along with some living on Center Street, with Mrs. Rose Slavitz as teacher; fifth and sixth grade pupils from Furnace Village School, with Miss Jeannine Lally as teacher; fifth and sixth grade pupils from Eastondale School, with Mrs. Florence O'Leary and Miss Ella Bailey, respectively, as teachers; one fifth grade group and one sixth grade group from North Easton Grammar School, with Mrs. June Harvey and Mrs. Doris Cullen, respectively, as teachers. Pupils will remain with the same teachers whom they now have, thus eliminating any break in continuity of instruction which a change of teachers would produce.

There will then be one empty classroom at the new building. All regular class rooms at the other elementary schools will be used. Next September our one spare classroom will be occupied, since there will be a further increase in the elementary school enrollments. The school year beginning September, 1955, will apparently see us resuming the use of some of our basement rooms as classrooms,—a use for which they were not originally designed.

Plans call for the closing down of the kitchen at the Eastondale School when the new school is occupied, and the transferral of much of the kitchen equipment to the new school. Hot lunches for Eastondale and South Easton Schools, as well as for the new school, will be prepared in the new kitchen, and it is expected that hot lunches prepared there will soon be provided at Furnace Village and Poquanticut Schools. Thus five schools will be serviced from this kitchen.

At Eastondale School, the second grade now housed in the basement playroom will be moved into the room being vacated by the present fifth grade. The partition across the front of the stage of the assembly room at this school will be removed and the room (which now houses Miss Bailey's sixth grade), will again be available as an all-purpose room. Mrs. Elouise Carlson will serve as building principal, with

Mrs. Florence O'Leary, present principal, assuming the principalship of the new Center School.

Occupancy of the new building will also bring about some needed changes at the North Easton Grammar School. The Kindergarten will be moved to the southeast room on the first floor. Several other groups will change rooms as a result of the vacating of Room 9 by Mrs. Cullen's sixth grade. All classrooms on the first and second floors will be occupied. The basement room now used by the Kindergarten, which was planned as an all purpose room, will then again be available for use as an assembly room, play room and projection room. It is expected that hot lunches will be served in this room instead of having pupils go to the High School for their lunches, the lunches being prepared in the High School kitchen and transported to the elementary school.

Transferal of the fifth and sixth grade group from Furnace Village School to the Center School will free the all-purpose room there for assembly, play and projection uses, and eventually for the serving of hot lunches.

It will be seen that the opening of the new school will not only provide a superior environment for pupils attending that school but will also greatly improve the conditions under which pupils at North Easton Grammar, Eastondale and Furnace Village Schools work.

Vocational Education

The only vocational education, of a state-aided type, provided within our own schools is the state-aid household arts department. We have arranged with the Brockton Vocational School to have boys from our high school, during their senior year, attend the vocational school on a full time basis and receive full credit toward the Oliver Ames High School diploma for their senior year's work there. Five or six seniors annually desire this type of training. In addition several boys from other classes at the High School take this training in Brockton, without credit towards our high school diploma. This is a type of training which it would be impractical for us to attempt in Easton.

We have forty to fifty adults annually taking courses in the Brockton Evening School. Many of these courses are state-aided. Frequently we are asked if such courses might not be offered in Easton. A number of area towns, including some smaller than Easton, are offering evening adult courses. The expense would not be great, and the number served, if the courses were offered locally, would undoubtedly be greater than the number now going to Brockton. I believe that the possibilities of this type of offering, for which there is obviously some demand, should be further explored.

Other Activities

Music. A change in the music instructional staff was made, effective when schools opened in September, due to the request of Music Supervisor Robert D. King to be allowed to work on a part time basis. He now devotes about four-sevenths of each school day to his school work. Miss Karen Quinn, a graduate of the College of Music, Boston University, was employed to do the vocal work in the schools, while Mr. King gives his attention chiefly to instrumental and orchestra work. He has five part time assistants (four for stringed instruments and one for reed instruments) whose salaries are paid from fees collected by them. The instrumental program is extensive and includes a senior high school orchestra of 25 pieces, a junior high school orchestra of 43 pieces, a North Easton Grammar School orchestra of 32 pieces, and Eastondale School orchestra of 18 members, 44 pupils participating in weekly instrumental classes, and 71 pupils taking individual lessons under school auspices. There are three chorus groups at the High School enrolling 109 pupils. Our schools were represented in 1953 by ten pupils at the All-State Chorus, Band and Orchestra festival held at Springfield, by five players at the All-New England Orchestra meet in Brookline, by two pupils at the All-New England Solo and Ensemble Festival at Gardner and by three orchestras at the Southeastern Massachusetts Music Festival in Norwood. Exchange programs were arranged whereby our Junior High Orchestra played at the West Junior High in Brockton and the Brockton High School "Galloneers" sang at an Oliver Ames High School assembly; our senior high school orchestra played at Marblehead High School and the orchestra from that school played at Oliver Ames High; and the combined elementary schools orchestra played in Sharon. A demonstration of music work of the schools was given in the High School gymnasium on May 1.

Art. Art Supervisor Herbert J. Rollins conducted a fifteen hour course in art for local teachers during the winter of 1953. This course contributed much toward developing skills needed by our elementary teachers for art work with their pupils and toward developing a common point of view in their art teaching.

Health. The usual health clinics and examinations were conducted during 1953, plus some unusual ones. In conformity with new legislation, the annual so-called "brief" examination of all pupils were discontinued and more extensive examinations by the school physician, assisted by the school nurse, were made of all members of the Kindergarten (or first grade pupils if not examined as Kindergartners), fourth grade, fifth grade, seventh grade and eleventh grade. In 1954 the fifth grade examination will be eliminated, these pupils having been examined as fourth graders a year earlier. Foot examinations of all pupils were made, as were sight and hearing tests. The diphtheria-tetanus prevention clinic was conducted as usual, in cooperation with the local Board of Health. All pupils in grades 10 and 12, along with all school employees, were given chest x-rays by the staff of the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital. All junior-senior high school pupils were blood-typed as a civil defense precaution.

Athletics. An enlargement of the athletic coaching staffs was made during the year, both to increase participation by Easton boys and girls and to enable them to compete on more nearly equal terms in interscholastic athletics. The football coaching staff now consists of a head coach, an assistant coach and a freshman coach. In boys' basketball we have a head coach, an assistant coach and an intra-mural coach. The latter has been just the spark needed to put over the intramural program in basketball. In baseball we have a head coach and an assistant coach. In girls' athletics one teacher (Mrs. Elizabeth Barrows) coaches all sports, including varsity teams in field hockey, basketball and softball. Director of Athletics John C. Mason calls attention in his annual report to the need of an assistant coach for girls' athletics. The athletic program during the indoor season has outgrown the High School gymnasium and arrangements have been made for use of the Frothingham Memorial House when needed.

Conclusion

I wish to express appreciation to all who have helped to uphold the quality of our schools during 1953. In many respects it has been a year of progress. A new elementary school is nearing completion. A survey committee has spent a great deal of time studying the housing situation regarding the secondary school population. The three parent teacher associations have grown strong during the year. A citizens' committee has studied the teachers' salary question and made recommendations.

Individuals and groups have made direct contributions. Miss Harriet Stone, in memory of her sister, has contributed funds for the purchase of books for the Mary A. Stone Library at the North Easton Grammar School. The P.T.A. organizations have contributed books and prizes. Mrs. Winthrop Ames and Ernest Martin contributed scholarships. Mrs. Louis A.Frothingham once more sponsored and financed the wonderful Christmas parties in which all of our elementary pupils shared. The Easton Lions Club has continued to support the school dental clinic and last winter purchased a dental unit for the clinic room.

The teachers and other school employees have been most faithful in working for the good of the schools. Parents have been cooperative in helping us to solve the problem of where to assign elementary school children under present crowded conditions, and have tolerantly accepted our decisions when it has been necessary to assign their children to schools outside their own district. Finally the work of our School Committee, whose members have contributed many hours of work for the schools without reward except the satisfaction of a job well done, is much appreciated by the undersigned, and, I hope, by the public in general.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT C. MANN

January 12, 1954

SCHEDULE OF "NO SCHOOL" SIGNALS

The sirens of both the North Easton and the South Easton fire stations will be used to sound the signal. The "no school" signal on the North Easton station will be two blasts sounded three times in succession (2-2-2). The "no school" signal on the South Easton station will be one long blast sounded either at 7:15 or 7:30 A.M. Signals will have the following meanings:

7:15 A. M.—No school all day at the Junior-Senior High School.

7:30 A. M.—No school all day in the elementary schools.

12:25 P. M.—No school for the afternoon session at the North Easton Grammar School and Unionville School.

"No school" signals will be used only when weather conditions are unusually severe. The scattered population of the town and the extensive pupil transportation system make it necessary to sound the signal, if at all, a considerable time in advance of the opening hour of school sessions. It occasionally happens that weather conditions which appear promising at the hour the signals should be sounded become severe by the time many pupils start for school. Parents are requested to use their judgment in such cases as to whether or not a child should attend a school session. Absences from school under these circumstances will be marked in the school registers with a distinctive mark and will not be counted against the child's perfect attendance record on the report cards.

When school sessions are to be called off because of weather conditions, announcement will be made over radio station WBET, Brockton. Parents should tune their radios to this station between 7:15 and 8:00 A. M., if in doubt as to whether or not schools are to be in session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OAKES AMES BEQUEST

For the year ending December 31, 1953

Balance on hand, January 1, 1953			$4,895.30	
Received from Trustees in 1953			4,500.00	
Total Receipts				$9,395.30
Expenditures:				
Gilbert C. Mann	$200.00	$40.00	$160.00	
Shirley Tufts	250.00	45.00	205.00	
Doris W. Leach	1,425.00	259.00	1,399.10	
Charles E. MacLeod	1,179.75	226.59	953.16	
	$3,054.75	$570.59		
Federal Taxes withheld from salaries			550.59	
Supplies Purchased		$505.15		
Less Supplies Sold		109.91		
			395.25	
Total Expenditures				$3,450.00
Balance on hand, December 31, 1953				$5,945.30

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND

The funds of the various organizations, of the Junior-Senior High School are kept in a single activities fund. Receipts and payments pass through the hands of the teacher designated to handle the fund, and all disbursements must be approved by the high school principal and the superintendent of schools.

Below is a statement showing the receipts and payments for the year ending December 31, 1953:

	Balance Dec. 31, 1952	Receipts	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1953
Class of 1953	$694.06	$480.24	$1,174.30	....
Class of 1954	270.94	241.11	102.64	409.41
Class of 1955	216.77	384.07	169.48	431.36
Class of 1956	18.12	327.05	157.03	188.14
Class of 1957	———	84.55	2.02	82.53
A. A.	........*	1,162.37	1,162.37	.......*
Eastoner	94.42	2,521.05	1,877.94	737.53
Easton Teachers' Club	36.82	372.10	361.12	47.80
General Fund	116.81	49.95	75.93	90.83
Student Council	332.15	906.42	859.83	378.74
School Music	20.83	512.15	461.88	71.10
Honor Society	18.18	....	10.91	7.27
Library Fund	50.87	21.70	....	72.57
Biology Club	23.81	43.45	33.31	33.95
Debating Club	10.05	....	....	10.05
Assembly Fund	11.67	160.00	171.67	....
Camera Club	21.78	....	....	21.78
Accommodations	†141.26	1,267.74	882.20	†526.80
Total	$2,078.54	$8,533.95	$7,502.63	$3,109.86

*Balance on deposit with Town Treasurer on Dec. 31, 1952—	$13.54
Balance on deposit with Town Treasurer on Dec. 31, 1953—	.48

†Accommodations:	1952	1953
Football Sweater Fund	$126.51	$204.37
Flower Fund	14.00	4.00
Eighth Grade Fund		9.60
Cancelled Check #4484	.75	.75
Class of 1953 Gift		25.00
Girls' Hockey Team Fund		135.87
Gym Outfit Fund		14.00
Miss Healey		45.11
Cheerleaders' Fund		47.90
Turkey Fund		40.20
Total	$141.26	$526.80

Cash Proof

Cash on Hand	$140.20	
Checkbook Balance	2,535.41	
Savings Account	286.25	
Junior High Bonds	148.00	
Total		$3,109.86

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Receipts, 1953:		
Cash on hand, January 1, 1953	$13.54	
Appropriation, March, 1953	2,000.00	
Receipts from admission to athletic contests	1,162.37	
Total Receipts		$3,175.91
Expenditures, 1953:		
Transportation of teams	$580.70	
Officials for games	493.50	
Athletic equipment and supplies purchased	1,434.83	
Cleaning and renovating equipment	311.65	
Athletic letters	146.72	
Miscellaneous	208.03	
Total Expenditures		3,175.43
Balance in Town Treasury, December 31, 1953		$ .48

All receipts, including the $2,000.00 appropriation at the town meeting in March, go into a revolving fund in the Town Treasury for the support of athletics. Any unexpended balance on December 31 remains in this fund and is available for expenditure later without reappropriation at a Town Meeting. All expenditures from this fund are made through the Town Treasurer's office, in accordance with recently enacted legislation, (Chapter 658, Acts of 1950).

Receipts ($2,000.00) and expenditures ($2,000.00) from the town appropriation included above are also included in the detailed statement of expenditures for 1953 shown on the budget pages of the School Committee's annual report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
# of the
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

ALL SCHOOLS COMBINED

I. Profit and Loss Statement:

Assets, January 1, 1953:			
Cash in Town Treasury	$943.73		
Reimbursement receivable	565.40		
Inventory	1,241.94		
Total Assets		$2,751.07	
Liabilities, January 1, 1953:			
None			
Net Worth, January 1, 1953			$2,751.07
Assets, December 31, 1953:			
Cash in Town Treasury	$959.54		
Reimbursement receivable	1,380.01		
Inventory	1,739.83		
Total Assets		$4,079.38	
Liabilities, December 31, 1953:			
None			
Net Worth, December 31, 1953			4,079.38
Gain for the year			$1,328.31

II. Cash Receipts and Payment:

Balance, January 1, 1953	$943.73	
Sales	18,680.15	
Reimbursement received from State	5,619.72	
Total Cash Available		$25,243.60
Less Expenditures for:		
Food	$17,894.56	
Labor	5,797.80	
Other	591.70	
Total Expenditures		24,284.06
Balance, December 31 ,1953		$959.54

EXPENDITURES BY DIVISIONS

January 1, 1953 — December 31, 1953

Including Amounts Paid from Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds

	General	Senior High	Junior High	Elementary	Total
Office Expense, Telephone, etc.	$ 622.77	$	$	$	$ 622.77
Superintendent's Traveling Expense	571.17				571.17
Supervisor of Attendance	110.00				110.00
Clerks	2,380.72	696.00	696.00	579.50	4,352.22
Salaries	6,083.36	39,394.14	36,854.45	98,341.34	180,673.29
Expenses of Principals, Supv. and Teachers		219.32	26.12	152.62	398.06
Textbooks		655.13	1,425.98	2,009.59	4,090.70
Supplies		2,308.47	1,989.48	3,300.59	7,598.54
Athletic Supplies		1,600.00	400.00		2,000.00
Janitors' Wages		3,558.50	3,280.67	10,423.06	17,262.23
Fuel		1,848.61	1,851.44	5,015.98	8,716.03
Janitors' Supplies		798.48	797.67	1,461.57	3,057.72
Water		98.91	96.91	126.18	322.00
Electricity		780.60	732.89	1,210.95	2,724.44
Miscellaneous School Plant		217.15	130.48	430.95	778.58
Repairs and Furnishings		6,841.12	4,601.14	8,971.46	20,413.72
Outlay		1,603.64	928.82	5,867.48	8,399.94
Library		444.27	275.31	170.81	890.39
Health		824.27	827.27	2,981.06	4,632.60
Transportation		4,535.11	5,580.11	8,765.93	18,881.15

Tuition				320.34	320.34
Sundries		434.96	173.79	276.63	885.38
Graduation		195.26			195.26
Insurance		1,790.03	1,334.47	1,594.37	4,718.87
Vocational Education—Salaries		1,724.96	1,724.96		3,449.92
Vocational Education—Tuition		2,466.01			2,466.01
Vocational Education—Miscellaneous		1,264.06	355.89		1,619.95
Total	$9,768.02	$74,299.00	$64,083.85	$152,000.41	$300,151.28
Average Membership year ending June 30, 1953	1,298.00	176.00	241.00	881.00	1,275.00
Cost per pupil in average membership, not including capital outlay and vocational education, year ending Dec. 31, 1953	7.53	330.01	218.69	153.93	221.62
Average in State, year ending June 30, 1953	8.83	345.22	272.73	202.95	245.94

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES — OCTOBER 1, 1953

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Junior-Senior High School								115	96	63	58	65	45	442
North Easton Grammar School	113	88	68	61	60	74	62							526
South Easton School		64	32											96
Eastondale School			33	29	31	35	32							160
Furnace Village School		15	12	17	12	21	12							89
Unionville School		15	11	11	13									50
Poquanticut School					14	19								33
TOTAL	113	182	156	118	130	149	106	115	96	63	58	65	45	1396

CENSUS REPORT

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1952, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Under 5 years attending school	20	13	33
Between the ages of 5 and 7	171	129	300
Between the ages of 7 and 16	511	475	986
	702	617	1319

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

June 18, 1953

1. March—Processional Mendelssohn
2. Invocation
   Rev. Joseph K. Welsh
3. Address of Welcome by Class President
   Richard Phillip Bissett
4. Address—Time Out to Live
   Dr. J. Wendell Yeo
5. Arioso Handel
6. Award of:
   Catherine Hobart Ames Scholarship—
   David Hayward
   Browning Club Scholarship—
   Wanda Louise Christman
   Clover Club Scholarship—Betty Lou Keyes
   Outlook Club Scholarship—
   Richard Lawrence Anderson
   Parent Teacher Association Awards—
   Lucy Ann Abreu, Allen E. Watts
   Young Scholarship—Betty Lou Keyes
   Richard S. Martin Scholarship—
   Betty Lou Keys
   Memorial Scholarships—
   Joyce Beverly Nelson, David Keith Mason
   Awarded by the Class of 1928 on the occasion of their twenty-fifth reunion in memory of the following deceased classmates:
   Coyle Jackman
   Mary E. McDonald
   Arthur Rowe
   Donald Mason
   Edna Peterson Galligan
   Edmund Williams
   Winthrop Ames Scholarship—Donald A. Leathers
   J. Francis O'Neil Trophy—
   Frederick Wayne Stone
   D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award—Betty Lou Keyes
   Diplomas
   Mr. Clyde A. Craig, Jr.
7. Class Song
8. Benediction
   Rev. Harry S. Loud
9. Recessional Grieg

The audience will please remain seated while
the seniors march out

LIST OF HONORS

GENERAL HONORS

Graduated with High Honors

Louis Francis Barretto
David Hayward
Mary Margaret Henderson
Betty Lou Keyes

Graduated with Honors

Richard Lawrence Anderson
James Lawton Boudreau
Robert Nathan Brooks
Joseph Matthias Camara
Wanda Louise Christman
Mary Rose Harvey
David Keith Mason
Joyce Beverly Nelson
Laurinda Grace Santos
Cynthia Ann Smith
Jeanne Anne Tynan
Dorothy M. Webster
Avery Leroy Williams, Jr.

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

High Honors

Louis Francis Barretto	Mathematics, Science
James Lawton Boudreau	Latin, Social Studies
Robert Nathan Brooks	Latin
Mary Rose Harvey	Stenography, Typewriting
David Hayward	English, Science, Social Studies
Mary Margaret Henderson	English, Latin
Betty Lou Keyes	English, Latin
Laurinda Grace Santos	Typewriting
Jeanne Anne Tynan	English, Latin
Avery Leroy Williams, Jr.	French, Latin

Honors

Lucy Ann Abreu	Bookkeeping
Richard Lawrence Anderson	Social Studies
Louis Francis Barretto	Social Studies
Laurinda Grace Santos	Latin, Stenography
Sally Irene Tufts	Latin
Jeanne Anne Tynan	French

High honors are given pupils whose yearly marks in particular departments are all "A's"; honors are given those who have received but one "B," all other yearly marks being "A." Honors are not given in subjects requiring less than two years in curriculum nor to any pupil pursuing a subject less than the maximum number of years.

CLASS OF 1953

Lucy Ann Abreu
Richard Lawrence Anderson
Louis Francis Barretto
Richard Phillip Bissett
James Lawton Boudreau
Richard Christopher Brady
Robert Nathan Brooks
Thomas Gerard Brophy
Marie L. Brown
Eugene W. Burley
Joseph Matthias Camara
Kenneth Francis Cantwell
Robert Hathaway Cantwell
Wanda Louise Christman
Charles Robert Coelho
Robert F. Connors
Rachel May Corkum
Richard Alden Corkum
Judith Leone Cushman
Ruth B. Daigle
Eva Alice Eldridge
William Leo Flynn, Jr.
John Alden Gustafson, Jr.
Mary Rose Harvey
David Hayward
Mary Margaret Henderson
Richard Arthur Hurd
Leroy Fred Johnson
Betty Lou Keyes
Doris Madelyn Knapp
Donald A. Leathers
George E. Lilja, Jr.
Lorraine MacNeill
Frederick Oliver Maia
David Keith Mason
Robert Meade
Gordon Allan Melin
Joyce Beverly Nelson
Hazel Thelma Parker
Dorothy Celene Perry
Florence May Randall
Robert Ellsworth Ryan
Laurinda Grace Santos
John James Silva
Cynthia Ann Smith
Robert Winslow Smith
Barry L. Somerville
Frederick Wayne Stone
Carleton A. Thompson
Lucille C. Travers
Sally Irene Tufts
Jeanne Anne Tynan
Manuel David Varella
Allen E. Watts
Dorothy M. Webster
Avery Leroy Williams, Jr.
Mary Anne Wood
Muriel Jean Wry

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clyde A. Craig, Jr. Chairman	118 Lincoln St., North Easton
Telephone 282	Term expires, March, 1956
David Ames	North Easton
Telephone 5	Term expires, March, 1954
Donald W. Bellows	7 Spooner Street, North Easton
Telephone 308	Term expires, March, 1954
Mrs. Alice K. Briggs	191 Center Street, North Easton
Telephone 318	Term expires, March, 1956
Mrs. Helen S. Tyler	Washington Street, South Easton
Telephone 198	Term expires, March, 1955

Superintendent of Schools

Gilbert C. Mann, B.S.,M.Ed

Residence, 24 Spooner Street, North Easton Telephone 537
Office, Oliver Ames High School Building Telephone 17

Clerk

Evelyn M. Wilde

Residence, 21 Columbus Avenue, North Easton Tel. 251-W

Office Hours: 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 M.; 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00. Hours during the summer vacation: 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 M.; 1:00 to 4:00 P. M. Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00. Educational and employment certificates written at the office only.

School Physician

Dr. Jacob Brenner, 8 Oliver Street, North Easton Tel. 377

School Nurse

Grace M. Murch. B.S., R.N.

Office, Oliver Ames High School Building Telephone 17
Office Hours: 8:15 to 8:35 A. M. and 1:00 to 1:15 P. M.

Supervisor of Attendance

Gustaf R. Nelson 12 Howland Court, North Easton
Telephone 526-W

School Calendar

Winter Term	January 4, 1954, to February 19, 1954, inclusive
Spring Term	March 1, 1954, to April 15, 1954, inclusive
Summer Term	April 26, 1954, to June 24, 1954, inclusive
Fall Term	Opens September 8, 1954

School Committee Meetings

High School Building, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, as follows: September, second Monday. October, November, December, January, May, June, first and third Mondays. February, first and fourth Mondays. March, third Monday. April, first Monday.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

OLIVER AMES JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of App'ntm't	Years of Teaching
Peter C. McConarty	Principal	Harvard College, A.B. Boston University, M.Ed.	1953-11	9
Julian S. Preuss	Guidance Coordinator	Springfield College, B.S. Springfield College, M.Ed.	1954-1	5
Rene Audette	Science	Notre Dame University, B.S.	1953-9	1
E. Elizabeth Barrows	Mathematics Physical Education	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S. Sargent College (Summer) *Stonehill College	1947-9	8
Alfred F. Breen	Social Studies	Boston College, B.S. *Boston Teachers College	1953-9	1
John R. Byrne	English	Northeastern University, B.S. *Stonehill College	1949-9	6
Marjorie L. Carey	Social Studies	George Washington University, A.B.	1953-9	0
Veronica E. Carter	Commercial	Salem Normal, B.S. *Boston University	1945-9	22
Margaret E. Dineen	Commercial	Salem Normal School Boston University, B.S.	1943-9	27
Henry K. Dooley	Mathematics	Boston College, B.S. Boston Teachers College, M.Ed.	1953-9	0
Evelyn Foster	English	Colby College, A.B. Columbia University, A.M. Emerson College (Summer)	1943-4	25

Kathryn E. Healey	Mathematics	Boston University, B.S. Harvard University (Summer) Hyannis State Teachers College (Summer) *Stonehill College	1936-9	17
Adelaide W. Johnson	English	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed.	1936-9	17
Robert D. King	Music Music Supervisor in Grades	Boston University, B.Mus. Harvard University, A.M.	1949-9	8
S. Lillian Leonard	Secretary in Principal's Office		1951-2	
Charles E. MacLeod	Practical Arts	Boston City Train Course for Teachers of Mechanic Arts *Boston University Fitchburg State Teachers College (Summer) Mass. Institute of Technology (Summer)	1931-9	22
John C. Mason	Social Studies	*University of Maine Boston University, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed. Bridgewater State Teachers College (Summer)	1935-10	27
Valentine P. Muscato	Science	Notre Dame University, B.S.	1953-11	0
Barbara Nickerson	English	University of New Brunswick, A.B. *University of London (England) Columbia University, M.A.	1928-9	31
Edward F. O'Brien	Mathematics Science	Boston College, B.S. Boston Teachers College, M.Ed.	1953-9	1
Karen M. Quinn	Music Vocal Music Supervisor in Grades	Boston University, B. Mus.	1953-9	0

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of App'ntm't	Years of Teaching
Herbert J. Rollins	Art Art Supervisor in Grades	Scott Carbee School of Art	1948-9	9
Eleanor Stinchfield	Vocational Home Economics	Farmington State Teachers College, B.S. *University of Maine Fitchburg State Teachers College (Summer)	1952-9	10
Shirley Tufts	Household Arts	Michigan State University, B.S. Fitchburg State Teachers College (Summer)	1949-9	10
Sylvia B. Vellante	French Latin	Boston University, A.B.	1952-9	7
William A. Vellante	Physical Education Science	Boston University, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed.	1949-9	8
		NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL		
Johanna G. McFadden	Principal	Bridgewater Normal School *Boston University	1922-9	31
Mary M. Buckley	Grade 2	Bridgewater Normal School	1945-9	24½
Raylene B. Carlson	Grade 5	Boston University, B.S. Hyannis State Teachers College (Summer) Columbia University (Summer) University of Vermont (Summer)	1945-9	19
Doris M. Cullen	Grade 6	Gorham (Me.) Normal School	1953-9	17
Rita L. Curry	Grade 4	Emmanuel College	1953-9	0

Catherine Q. Dineen	Grade 3	Bridgewater Normal School *Boston University *Tufts College	1948-9	33
Viola M. Geddes	Grade 1	Castine Normal School (Maine) *Bridgewater State Teachers College	1936-9	20
Olive H. Gurney	Grade 2	Bridgewater Normal School	1922-9	32
June M. Harvey	Grade 5	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B. S.	1952-2	6
Mary V. Harvey	Grade 6	Bridgewater Normal School *Boston University	1922-9	32
Gertrude B. Hawkes	Grade 1	Gorham State Teachers College (Maine) *Bridgewater State Teachers College	1948-9	8½
Doris W. Leach	Kindergarten	*Emerson College Perry Kindergarten Normal Boston University (Summer)	1926-9	27
Frances L. McCarthy	Grade 3	Emmanuel College, A.B. *Stonehill College	1952-9	2
Gretchen Noonan	Grade 1	Plymouth (N.H.) State Teachers College, B. S.	1952-9	12
Rose M. Slavitz	Kindergarten	Leslie College *Boston University	1954-1	8
Jeanette P. Smith	Grade 4	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S. University of Vermont (Summer)	1952-1	16

SOUTH EASTON SCHOOL

Eleanor M. Biechele	Principal Grade 1	Wheelock School Bridgewater Normal	1946-2	13
Mary E. Kelleher	Grade 1	Boston College, B.S.	1953-9	21
Lenore A. Rohdin	Grade 2	Bridgewater Normal School	1948-11	31

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of App'ntm't	Years of Teaching
EASTONDALE SCHOOL				
Florence H. O'Leary	Principal Grade 5	Bridgewater Normal School	1949-9	12
Ella Bailey	Grade 6	Farmington (Maine) Normal School	1949-9	29
Elouise G. Carlson	Grade 4	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.	1950-9	10
Priscilla H. Leighton	Grade 3	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.	1944-9	10
Joan E. Nelson	Grade 2	Pembroke College, A.B.	1953-9	0
FURNACE VILLAGE SCHOOL				
Esther J. Heath	Principal Grades 3 and 4	Bridgewater Normal School *Columbia University *Montclair (N.J.) Teachers College	1944-1	29½
Anna A. Gilmore	Grades 1 and 2	Bridgewater Normal School	1945-9	16
M. Jeannine Lally	Grades 5 and 6	Simmons College, B.S. Boston University (Summer) *Emerson College	1952-9	1
UNIONVILLE SCHOOL				
Edith V. Goff	Principal Grades 1 and 2	Taunton High School Hyannis Normal (Summer)	1922-9	35
Dorothy A. Galvin	Grades 3 and 4	Rhode Island College of Education Bridgewater State Teachers College (Summer)	1935-9	9

POQUANTICUT SCHOOL

Martha C. Johnson	Grades 4 and 5	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1952-9	6

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* Attended without graduating

SPECIAL MUSIC TEACHERS

Kathryn Goeres Stringed Instruments	Harold Doyle Stringed Instruments	Carl Swift Reed Instruments

PENMANSHIP SUPERVISION

William L. Rienhart and Assistants

MAINTENANCE

John A. Gustafson	1949-4
Aubrey E. Wry	1953-12

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

Gustaf A. Nelson	Junior-Senior High School	1952-9
Ivar G. Miller	Junior-Senior High School	1949-8
Charles A. Malloy	North Easton Grammar School	1942-11
Frank Bennett	South Easton School	1953-9
Everette A. Burrell	Furnace Village School	1953-10
Alton E. Alger	Eastondale School	1949-3
Carrie M. Smith	Unionville School	1939-9
Willis G. Buck	Poquanticut School	1947-8
Charles MaDan	North Easton Grammar School and Junior-Senior High School	1954-1

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